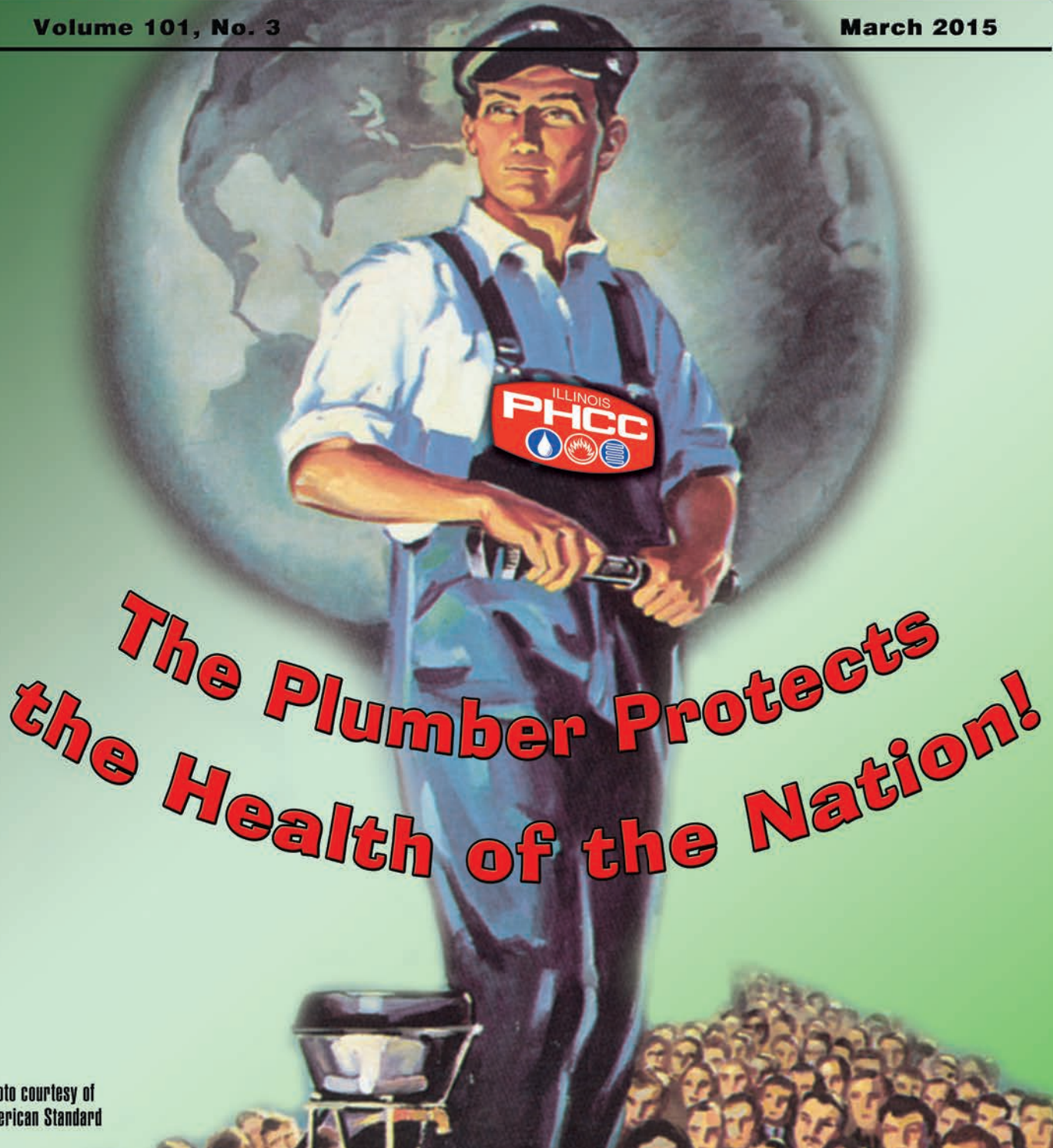


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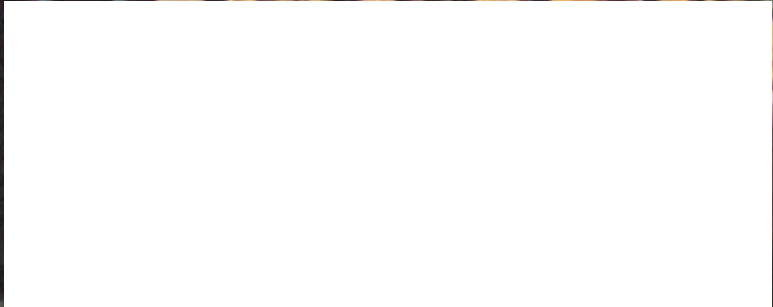
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PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

by Steve Jany
Illinois PHCC President

Greetings friends,

Well it seems that the norm lately has been getting around and working with the snow, ice and cold with high winds causing extreme wind chill factors. Make sure your employees are protected from the elements to prevent hypothermia or frost bite. Remember to be adamant on vehicle and equipment maintenance, so as to prevent down time as the lower temperatures are extremely hard on equipment.

I would like to welcome everyone to the Illinois PHCC Expo and the 122nd annual convention of the Illinois PHCC taking place in Oak Brook Terrace at the Hilton Suites Hotel and Drury Lane Conference Center. Festivities will start Thursday afternoon, March 19th with the annual meeting of the Illinois PHCC and the election of officers, followed by the "Planning for Your Future" seminar. Thursday evening will start with dinner for PHCC & Auxiliary members, followed by the "Silent Auction" to support the Illinois PHCC Auxiliary's many projects and their scholarship fund. Attendance is free to all PHCC members, PHCC Auxiliary members and their spouses or significant other BUT registration is required prior.

A hospitality room will be open on Thursday and Friday evening for everyone attending the Expo and convention, giving you a chance for more interaction with your fellow industry professionals.

Friday will start off with the registration of over 800

CEU class attendees. The staff has a refined system set up, but we need volunteers to help man the stations. We have been blessed with very active volunteers in the past and I ask for volunteers again this year. At noon, the 2015 Expo begins with 160 booths filled with the latest tools, products, trucks, materials and technology for all to experience. Following the Expo there will be free food, time for socializing and winding down from a busy day while waiting to see if you win one of the many attendance prizes donated by the exhibitors. During the day Friday, the PHCC Auxiliary will be selling plumbing T shirts to help fund their projects and scholarship fund. Code books will be available for sale also. Saturday will wind down the Expo/Convention with the board meetings of the Illinois PHCC and PHCC Auxiliary as usual.

Your PHCC membership is the cheapest investment you can make for the return you get back for your business. The safety video library available from the state office is great and free of charge. The information in the "Illinois Master Plumber" magazine is excellent and on board with the times. You will always find an up to date schedule of events, contact numbers for the office, and informative articles. Scholarship applications can also be found in the magazine. Have you been checking out the "What's Wrong With This Picture" on the cover and testing your code knowledge? It's a good way to stay up with the code by participating in the contest. Check out the legislative update in this issue to see what is happening. The PHCC is protecting

PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

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the plumber, as always, by watching the legislative issues for you.

With your PHCC membership, the PHCC National has several programs that will fit every ones needs. Visit their web site, www.phccweb.org to see what is available. Mark Riso is on top of legislative affairs in Washington, just as Bev is in Illinois. Attending the PHCC Legislative Conference in Washington is a very informative event that everyone should experience.

Over Valentine's Day weekend, Donna and I had the opportunity to visit with Chris, Paige and Wallace. We had a wonderful time and enjoyed the little guy very much. It was hard to head south, but nice to know that it may be warmer in southern Illinois than it is in southern Wisconsin.

See you at the expo!

President Jany 



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 19, 2015

Illinois PHCC Annual Meeting, Seminar,
Dinner & Auction
Hilton Suites Hotel
Oakbrook Terrace, IL

MARCH 20, 2015

Illinois PHCC Expo & Educational Day
Drury Lane Conference Center
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MARCH 21, 2015

Illinois PHCC & Auxiliary Board Meetings
Hilton Suites Hotel
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APRIL 17, 2015

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APRIL 24, 2015

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IN MEMORY

Vernon Jensen, 88, of Woodstock died on February 17th at his home. Vern owned and operated Jensen Plumbing & Heating until his retirement in 1994, but still kept an interest in the day to day operations of the business. He was a past president of the Lake & McHenry County PHCC and an active member of the Illinois PHCC. Over the years, Vern and his wife Mary Lou participated in many PHCC events at the local, state, and national levels.

He is survived by his son Allan (Kathy) Jensen and two grandchildren. Vern was preceded in death by his wife Mary Lou, one son, and two daughters.

Funeral services were held on February 23rd at the First Methodist Church in Woodstock with interment at McHenry County Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made First United Methodist Church, VFW Post 5040, or Journey Care Hospice.

The Illinois PHCC and Auxiliary express their sympathy to the Jensen family. 




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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

BY BEV POTTS

The Spring Session of the Illinois General Assembly began in mid-January. We have been monitoring and reviewing new legislation as it was introduced. There have been many bills introduced dealing with workforce development, workers compensation, IEPA, procurement, unemployment, prevailing wage, public utilities, energy, MBE/FBE requirements, and other construction issues. Many of these bills are vehicle bills and will be combined, amended or eliminated. We will continue to monitor these issues and provide updates as the information is available. Following are just some of the bills we are watching and their current status.

Plumbing/Piping/Trade Related Bills:

HB 201 (L. Fine) Provides that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall accept proof of bond insurance for general liability coverage from general contractors, painters, drywallers, HVAC technicians, and electricians and publish the proof of bond insurance for general liability coverage submitted from those people on a publicly-accessible website. Provides that no unit of local government may require a general contractor, painter, drywaller, HVAC technician, or electrician to submit additional proof of bond insurance for general liability coverage or assess a fee associated with the proof of bond insurance. Assigned to House Business Licenses Subcommittee.

HB 827 (M. Madigan) Makes a technical change to the Fire Sprinkler Dormitory Act. Assigned to House Executive Committee.

HB 1376 (L. Arroyo) Provides that a seller of residential property to which the Act applies shall have the sewer line from the residential

property to the sewer main, or to the septic tank, inspected by a licensed plumber using video camera inspection technology, and that the licensed plumber shall prepare a written, dated report that includes his or her review of the condition of the line. Assigned to House Consumer Protection Committee.

HB 1655 (J. Durkin) Makes a technical change to the Illinois Plumbing License Law. Assigned to the House Executive Committee.

HB 2568 (M. Tryon) Amends the Illinois Building Commission Act to provide that, at least 30 days prior to filing rules pertaining to the adoption or amendment of any statewide code pertaining to building construction, each State agency must provide notice to the Illinois Building Commission. Provides that the Commission must identify the proposed code, by the title and edition, or by the amendment, to the public on the Internet. Assigned to House Executive Committee.

HB 2782 (S. Kifowit) Provides that a service member or veteran satisfies professional licensure qualifications if he or she provides the licensing Department with documentation that he or she has had substantially equivalent training or experience from his or her military service; includes Fire Sprinkler and Water Well Contractors. Assigned to the House Business and Occupational Licenses Committee.

HB 3541 (E. McAseu) Amends the Energy Efficient Building Act. Renames it as the “Energy Efficient Building and Green Construction Act”. Defines “Green Code” as the International Green Construction Code. Referred to House Rules.

HB 3975 (M. Tryon) Amends the Plumbing License

Law to provide that Illinois licensed professional engineers and licensed environmental practitioners who provide continuing education for licensed plumbers are not required to have oversight of their continuing education sponsorship or courses by any other licensed profession or Illinois licensed plumbers, have their programs reviewed by another licensed professional or Illinois licensed plumber, or have another licensed professional or Illinois licensed plumber attend or provide oversight of their continuing education courses or programs. Provides that Illinois licensed professional engineers and licensed environmental practitioners who provide continuing education for plumbers are not required to provide a licensed plumber of record when submitting sponsorship or continuing education course approval. The oversight and approval of the Department of Public Health's Plumbing Inspector shall be sufficient oversight for sponsor or course approval submitted by Illinois licensed professional engineers and licensed environmental practitioners. Provides that no additional requirements for the approval for the Illinois licensed professional engineers and licensed environmental practitioners as a sponsor or for approval of a continuing education course shall be mandated. Referred to House Rules.

SB 679 (H. Steans) Makes a technical change to the Mercury Thermostat Collection Act. Referred to Senate Assignments.

SB 1381 (I. Martinez) Amends the Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Act; repeals a provision exempting certain persons or businesses engaged in the installation or repair of fire sprinkler systems from having a designated certified

person. Assigned to Senate License Activities & Pension Committee.

Other Construction/Business Related Bills:

HB 245 (M. Zalewski) Increases the base amount from \$20,000 to \$50,000 for public improvement or maintenance of public property at which a municipality must enter into a contract by public bid. Amendment 1 filed that changes the upper amount to \$30,000 rather than \$50,000. Assigned to House Cities & Villages Committee.

HB 1525 (B. Stewart & T. Morrison) Amends the Prevailing Wage Act to provide that the Act does not apply to wages paid to all laborers, workers, and mechanics employed by or on behalf of a public body engaged in a public works project with a total cost of \$20,000 or less if the public body notifies the Department of Labor of each project for which the waiver is used within 60 days of commencing the project. Assigned to House Labor & Commerce Committee.

HB 2451 (P. Verschoore) An initiative of IMSCA, this bill amends the Unemployment Insurance Act to provide that individuals who voluntarily leave employment to enroll in and attend a Department-approved training course are not ineligible for benefits. Provides that an employer shall not be charged for benefit charges resulting from payments to a claimant if the claimant is enrolled in and attending a Department-approved training course. Referred to House Rules.

HB 2635 (R. Sandack & E. Nekritz) Amends the Mechanics Lien Act to provide that an applicant may at any time file a petition to substitute a bond for the property subject to a lien claim under the Act. Assigned to House Judiciary – Civil Committee.

HB 2757 (T. Bennett) Amends the Mechanics Lien Act to provide that an applicant may at any time file a petition to substitute a bond for the property subject to a lien claim under the Act. Assigned to House Judiciary – Civil Committee.

HB 3497 (B. Currie & C. Sente) Amends the Illinois Procurement Code to provide that the Capitol Development Board may (currently, shall) draw specifications to permit independent bidding by prime bidders in each of the 5 subdivisions of work. Provides that the CDB may draw specifications for a single prime bidder. Provides that a successful single prime bidder shall identify the name of the subcontractor and proposal costs for each of the 5 subdivisions of work, and that no identified subcontractor may be terminated without the written consent of the CDB. Referred to House Rules.

HB 3744 (R. Sandack) Creates the Notice and Opportunity to Repair Act. Requires the service of notice to a construction professional of the complained-of defect in the construction by the homeowner prior to commencement of a lawsuit. Allows the professional to make an offer of repair or settlement. Requires the claimant to file with the court a list of known construction defects. Directs the professional to provide a statutory notice to the homeowner upon the execution of a contract. House Rules.

HB 4042 (B. Phelps) Provides that with respect to employers correctly classified within the construction industry, the amount charged to the insured for workers' compensation shall be based upon hours worked by employees in, not the wages paid. House Rules.

SB 1272 (A. Munoz) Amends the Prevailing

Wage Act to provide that the Act applies to work involving the testing of materials and the operation of survey equipment. Assigned to Senate Labor Committee.

SB 1395 (W. McCann) An initiative of IMSCA, this bill amends the Contractor Prompt Payment Act to provide that under a construction contract, it is unlawful to withhold more than 5% retainage on payments earned by contractors and subcontractors. Referred to Senate Assignments.

SB 1499 (A. Manar) Provides that with respect to employers correctly classified within the construction industry, the amount charged to the insured for workers' compensation shall be based upon hours worked by employees in, not the wages paid. Assignments.

SB 1509 (M. Sandoval) Increases the base amount from \$20,000 to \$30,000 for public improvement or maintenance of public property at which a municipality must enter into a contract by public bid. Referred to Senate Assignments.

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The potential problem, if you notice from the picture, there are no people in the picture. Actually, there was no one anywhere in the vicinity of this hydrant for an extended period of time. In the past, putting a 200 lb. test on a fire service, or a test on a water main and leaving the test site unattended for lunch, coffee or rest room break, was no problem. Now with the threat of attacks on shopping malls, areas of large populations, and our everyday way of life, we need to be more aware of potential attacks on our drinking water.

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- Primary Drinking Water Standards (35 Ill. Adm. Code 611)
- Drinking Water Systems Code (77 Ill. Adm. Code 900)
- Water Quality Standards (35 Ill. Adm. Code 302)
- Safe Water Drinking Water Acts (42 USC 1417).

The rules listed above, along with the Illinois



Plumbing Code, make sure the water we are entrusted to protect as licensed plumbers is of a safe quality for human consumption.

The Environmental Protection Agency has specific rules regarding tampering, causing system failure, and penalties for those who knowingly pollute or cause failure to a water distribution system. This is just one regulation of the Illinois

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(415 ILCS 5/18) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1018)

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Not knowing if and when there might be an attack on a small town’s or large city’s water supply by the introduction of a chemical which may cause illness or death, we should always be aware of the possibilities.

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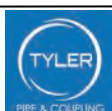
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UAC UNITY CONFERENCE

2015 IN REVIEW

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Billed as the only plumbing-centric conference to unite PHCC (Plumbing, Heating, Cooling Contractor Association) contractors, industry executives and UA leaders, the Union Affiliated Contractors (UAC) of the PHCC held their annual “Unity” conference on February 2-4, 2015 in Palm Coast, Florida at the prestigious Hammock Beach Resort.

Thanks in large part to the numerous hours of pre-planning and coordinating efforts of UAC Vice Chair and Illinois PHCC member Tom Gent (France Mechanical Corp.), nearly 100 attendees registered to take advantage of the many networking

opportunities afforded throughout this conference, as well as to learn how to operate their business more effectively.

UAC Chairman and Plumbing Council of Chicagoland Chairman, Bob Melko opened the 2015 Unity conference and then introduced its first speaker, Jaime Paredes who led an informational two and a half hour session on internet marketing and social media.

Following a PHCC Update from PHCC President Kevin Tindall and PHCC Executive Vice President Gerry Kennedy, Kristen Falatko, Director of Exploring at Learning for Life & Career Exploring



explained how the UA could partner with her organization to inspire middle school boys and girls into considering a future career in the trades. Falatko works with the Boy Scouts of America on similar exploring efforts with older kids to provide them with an alternate career track other than college.

The next day centered exclusively on educational and strategically driven topics led by PHCC Educational Foundation speaker and Purdue University professor Kirk Alter. He opened with a session on integrating Estimating, CAD and BIM technologies and closed with an intense round table discussion on recruiting young contractors, organizing new UA members and re-gaining service, residential and commercial market share in the plumbing and pipe fitting industries.

The same conversation spilled over into the final day of the conference as UA Director of HVAC Services Marty Naseef and UA Director of Plumbing Services Tom Bigley discussed regional and national initiatives to re-capture union plumbing and HVAC service market share. Listening intently to contractor concerns, the group spent several hours working together to develop a cooperative strategy for the future.

UA Secretary-Treasurer Marc McManus also heavily weighed in on this subject and stressed that both sides (labor and management) must step outside of their

comfort zones if they are to grow and succeed together. He noted that today's older generation of union contractors must be willing to mentor and develop younger contractors, and on the union side, UA Business Managers must encourage apprentices to take a more active role in labor and political endeavors.

The conference concluded with a series of sessions on the UA "Plumbers 911" program, the UA Training Department, and "Salesmanship for Service Technicians" presented by Bob Melko and Brian Wilk of Bishop Plumbing, Inc.

Illinois PHCC past President Bill Todd of A & W Plumbing in Murphysboro also conducted an educational session during the conference. His presentation focused on new technology and how it can improve a contractor's productivity in the field.



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Plumbing Council of Chicagoland Chairman Bob Melko and owner of Bishop Plumbing, Inc. envisioned a grand idea last year (2014) to re-ignite a long standing relationship with the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and the construction union trades community.

His aim, as a former Eagle Scout, was to re-connect area youth nation-wide with the plumbing and pipe fitting crafts through BSA merit badge programs, and BSA Explorer Posts in hopes that some of the kids would become



Plumbing Council of Chicagoland Chairman Bob Melko (left) congratulates UA General President Bill Hite on receiving the George Meany award.

the next generation of our industry's apprentices and gain exciting opportunities well beyond the debt ridden path of a college education.

Fast forward twelve months later and Melko's concept came to fruition with the help of a dedicated committee of labor leaders, industry executives and Boy Scouts' staff who have tirelessly met, planned and coordinated the first inaugural BSA "George Meany" Award Gala in the

Chicago area.

On January 20, 2015, over 650 attendees from all over the country gathered at the Sheraton Hotel & Towers in Chicago to honor United Association (UA) General President William Hite as he was presented with the coveted George Meany Award, which recognizes union members who have made a significant contribution to local youth through BSA programs. Among the many dignitaries attending were Chicago Mayor Rahm Emmanuel and Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White.

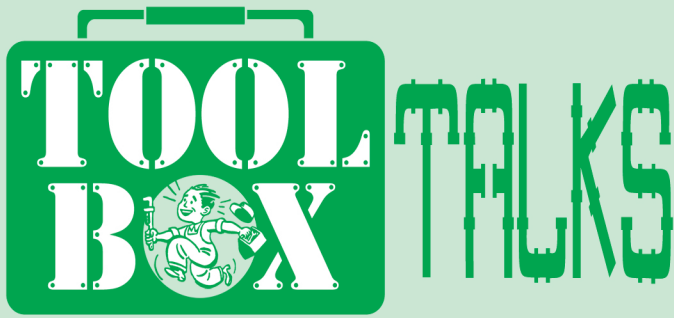
The event raised over \$300,000 through the advanced purchase of tickets, advertisements, sponsorships and donations. The proceeds will be earmarked to fund the Boy Scouts of America Pathway to Adventure Council's (formerly the BSA Chicago Area Council) already successful merit badge programs in plumbing, welding and American Labor.

In addition, the event funds will create new BSA programs aimed at fostering genuine interest and skills in the trades among today's youth including the soon to be developed HVAC merit badge and the establishment of a BSA Explorer Post in the Chicago area and more to follow on a national basis.

The monies will also be used to promote the BSA's national involvement in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Programs to inspire Scouts with these core skills to consider careers in the pipe trades and other union construction fields which will in turn attract a new generation of quality apprentices to fill the growing jobs gap in our country.

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- Trying to cut more than the knife can handle.
- Improperly storing the knife with the blade extended.
- Failing to wear personal protective equipment.
- Neglecting to inspect the tool before use.



There have been cases where workers have suffered injuries from exposed blade tips. This is because the blades did not completely retract into the handle. That's why it's important for workers to use the proper size blades or replace defective retraction mechanisms. Some companies use self-retracting utility knives – the blade automatically retracts into the handle when not in use.

Problems also arise when some employees don't have or can't find a utility knife supplied by the company. As a result, they tend to use whatever is handy, such as a pocket knife or other tool with a sharp edge. This can quickly turn hazardous if the tool slips or is used incorrectly.

The following are safety precautions to keep in mind when using utility knives:

- Wear safety glasses to protect your eyes in case a blade breaks.
- Always use a sharp blade. They are safer than a dull blade.

- Wear cut resistant gloves and sleeves (at least Level 3) to protect your hands and arms.
- Hand a utility knife to a co-worker with the handle first.
- Use one of the newer model self-retracting blade knives. The technology has increased the safety of this tool tremendously over the past several years.
- If the application allows, use one of the new knives with a shielded knife surface such as the Klever Kutter or similar.
- Consider using a rounded tip blade if the application allows for such.
- Ensure the blades are properly positioned in the handle before use.
- Keep extremities out of the cutting path.
- Don't apply too much pressure on the blade.
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3. \$1,000 shall be awarded to an individual who has been nominated by a member of the Illinois PHCC Past President's Club.
4. Applicant must have the following qualifications:
 - a. Applicant must be a member of the senior class or graduate of a secondary school.
 - b. Pursue or desire to pursue courses of study such as may prepare them to serve or to advance the interest of the plumbing-heating-cooling industry.
5. The President of the Past President's Club shall be the Chairman and appoint two members to assist him in selecting the Scholarship Winner.
6. In no case shall more than one Scholarship be awarded to any one applicant, but the Scholarship Committee may award more than one scholarship at their discretion.
7. Scholarships shall be awarded at an event of the Illinois PHCC in June 2015.
8. The Executive Director shall be directed to inform the applicant who will be awarded the Scholarship.
9. Applicants not winning the award may be eligible to apply the following year.
10. The Scholarship money shall be made payable to the school of the applicant's choice. If the winner has changed schools since applying, he or she shall notify the IL PHCC Executive Director immediately.
11. If a recipient should drop out of school during the year, the balance of the award should be returned to the Past President's Club.

Application must be received in the Illinois PHCC office no later than June 1, 2015.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

IL PHCC PAST PRESIDENTS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name in Full _____ Age _____

Address _____

City and Zip _____

Parent's Name _____

Address _____

City and Zip _____

Applicant's Phone No. - Home _____ Business _____

Employed by _____

Name of Owner _____

Address _____

Address _____

City and Zip _____

Name of Sponsoring Member of the Past President's Club _____

What career do you intend to follow? - Give full details in letter form.

What school do you plan to attend? _____

Complete Address _____

When do you plan to enroll? _____

Scholastic Data

High School attended _____

Complete Address _____ Zip _____

Year Graduated _____ Rank In Class _____

Principal's Name _____

In what activities have you participated: Attach list.

1. Fill out application completely and mail to IL PHCC Past Presidents Club, 821 S. Grand Ave., West, Springfield, IL 62704.
2. Enclose reference letters from three people, not related to you, who know you personally, attesting to character and other pertinent information.
3. Enclose a letter from principal giving complete transcript of grades, activities, rank and number in class and scores on one of the following tests: PSAT, SAT or ACT.
4. A wallet size picture of you.

Applicant's Signature

I hereby certify that the above is true and accurate. Date: _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature

PHCC ILLINOIS

AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP RULES

1. Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$500.00 or more but not to exceed \$2,000.00 and shall be given by the Illinois Auxiliary each year at the State Convention as funds are available to those who desire to further their education. The applicant shall be enrolled in solid subject curriculum.
2. The applicant must be at least a freshman in college having completed one full semester with at least 8 credit hours of study. You may NOT apply in your senior year of high school.
3. No person may receive more than one award from Illinois Auxiliary during his or her academic career and there cannot be more than two awards per family per year. A permanent current list of recipients will be kept in the scholarship files.
4. The applicant must submit a handwritten letter in cursive and ink to include personal data, family size, need of scholarship monies and plans for the future career. Knowledge of and/or working experiences with plumbing industry can be included, but not necessary.
5. The applicant must submit a total of three letters of recommendation.
 - a. One letter must be from your sponsor, either an auxiliary member or Illinois PHCC member.
 - b. The other two letters must be from people not related to the applicant who know you personally and can attest to your character and provide other pertinent information. Knowledge of parents would not necessarily qualify them for having knowledge of applicant.
6. Please attach a picture of yourself with the application.
7. **The deadline for submitting your application is May 31, 2015**

Your application must be postmarked no later than this date and include all the information required. If it is incomplete, we will discard the materials and your name will be removed from the applicants list. You can resubmit the following year.

The scholarship committee will have the final decision in awarding these applications. The committee wishes each and every one of you the best of luck. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at using the information listed below:

Please Send Your Completed Applications To:

Angela Rich
P.O. Box 50
Deer Creek, IL 61733
309-573-4843 e-mail: angela@garich.com

PHCC ILLINOIS AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ~2015~

Applicant Name: _____ Birth Date _____

Mailing Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parents or Guardian's Full Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail _____

NAME AND ADDRESS WHERE CHECK SHOULD BE SENT:

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

NAME OF SPONSORING AUXILIARY MEMBER: (Sponsor Cannot be a Parent, Guardian or Spouse)

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Signature _____

State and Name Of Sponsoring Auxiliary _____

SCHOLASTIC DATA:

High School Attended: _____

Year of Graduation: _____ Rank/Number in Class: _____ CUM GPA: _____

Principal's Name: _____

Name of College Attending & Career Plans: _____

Dean or Advisor's Name: _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIP:

Application must be complete with the items listed below for consideration:

- 1 Read the Scholarship Rules.
2. Small photo staples to application.
3. Three letters of Recommendation as follows:
 - A. One Letter of recommendation from Sponsoring Auxiliary Member (current member in good standing)
 - B. Two letters of personal recommendation, from people not related to applicant
4. Personal handwritten letter (state request and list curricular activities you participated in high school and college.)
5. Original Copy of High School and College Transcripts. These can be sent under separate cover. ****Note**** High School Transcript is required for all graduates from 2006 to current.

I hereby certify that the above is true and accurate.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date _____

Parent, Guardian or Spouse Signature: _____

GOOD LUCK!

DEADLINE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP IS MAY 31, 2015



Illinois Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors

Auxiliary

Application for Membership

Please print or type

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Local Association _____

If there is no local association in your area, would you be interested in forming one?

Yes No

I am also interested in National Membership, Please forward me information.

I would be interested in serving on a committee.

Signed _____ Date _____

The investment is \$25.00 and the Investment period is June 1 through May 31. Please make checks payable to Illinois PHCC Auxiliary and mail to Alicia Todd, 11 Alliance Ave., Murphysboro, IL 62966.



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Street

_____ City State Zip

HOME PHONE NUMBER: _____

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<input type="checkbox"/>	County	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	State	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Private	_____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____ Street

_____ City State Zip

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

BUSINESS PHONE NUMBER: _____

LICENSE NUMBER: Illinois 058- _____ Chicago J- _____

SIGNATURE: _____

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I.P.I.A.
c/o Jack Sievert
133 S Seymour
Mundelein, IL 60060



Illinois Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors

Inspector Application for Membership

Please print or type

Name _____

Company Name _____

Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Illinois Plumber's License Number _____
(if applicable)

Please answer the following questions:

Are you also a contractor? _____ (if yes, you do not qualify for this membership category)

Would you be willing to serve on a committee? _____

Are you a member of the IPIA or IPEA? _____ If yes, which chapter: _____

Enclosed is my check for \$40.00

Signed _____ Date _____

The Investment period is January 1 through December 31. Please send completed form and check payable to Illinois PHCC, 821 South Grand Avenue, West, Springfield, IL 62704.

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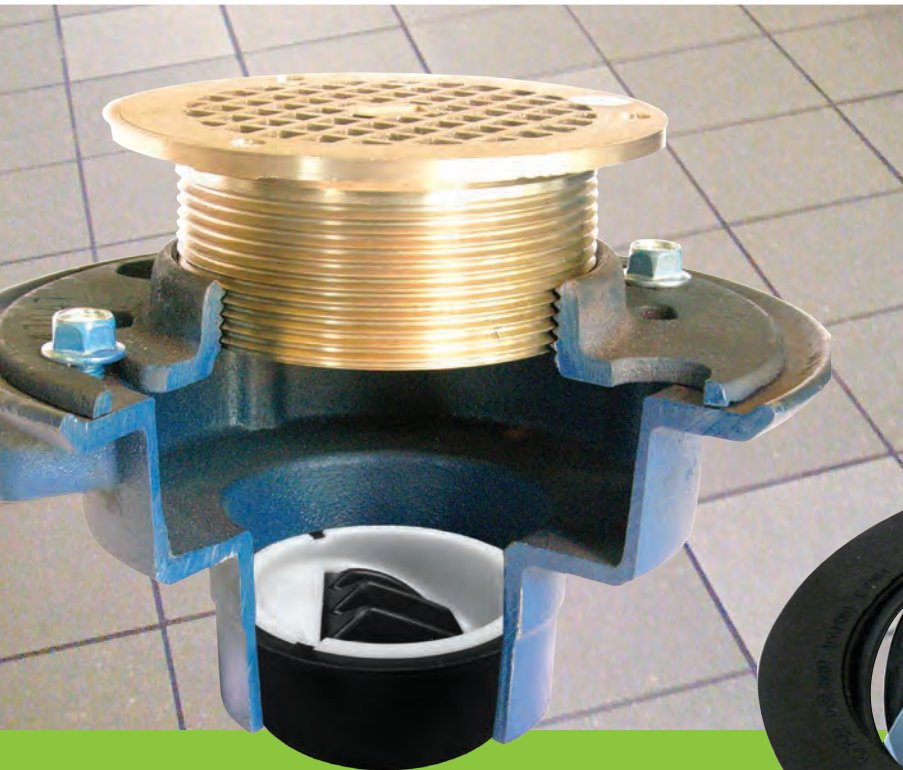


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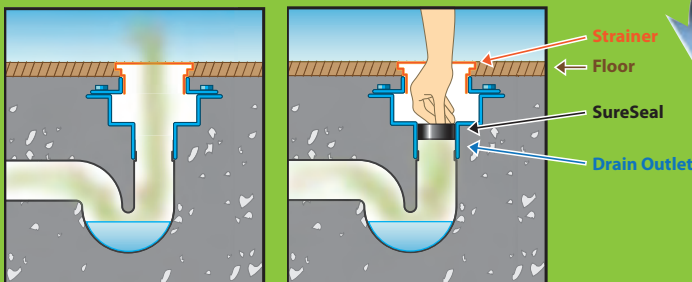
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