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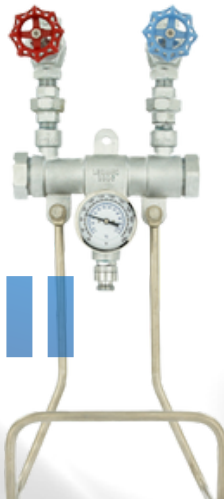
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PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

by Brian Wilk
Illinois PHCC President

EXPO EXCELLENCE: A LOOK BACK AT OUR 2023 TRADE SHOW & EDUCATIONAL EVENT

The Illinois PHCC's annual Expo on March 17 once again topped itself by presenting our colleagues in the plumbing, piping and HVAC trades with the finest displays of industry comradery, cooperation and commitment. To quote the Beatles, the theme could have been "Come Together" – because as expected, that's what occurred. Plumbing contractors, plumbers, heating & cooling pros, inspectors, engineers, union leaders, apprentices, association reps, manufacturers, distributors, government officials, educators and a variety of service providers linked to our skilled industry ALL gathered at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace for what many enthusiastically say is the "best industry trade show anywhere, anytime." If you missed it, you missed "the" event of the year.

Our volunteers helped register and sign out well over 400 attendees to the Continuing Education (CE) class for license renewals held at the venue's theater. You may be interested to learn that the IL PHCC has educated 1,150 licensed plumbers toward the upcoming license renewal deadline of April 30 via in-person classes including the 735 who have already taken our online class – which is an impressive number on its own.

Nearly 160 exhibitors filled the Expo trade show, with face-to-face interaction between our sponsors and the hundreds (and hundreds) of visitors who make our industry both their livelihood and their way of life. It's always gratifying to see the reaction of first-time attendees (such as an apprentice or new employee) entering the show and observe how impressed, surprised, and eager

they seem all at the same time. The welcoming attitude from the show exhibitors and the wide range of products and professional services undoubtedly make it a most worthwhile experience.

The Illinois Auxiliary additionally contributes significantly to the success of the day, and this year was no exception. Selling code books on behalf of our chapter was again a big help. As always, auxiliary members had their plumbing T-shirts available for sale, with the proceeds benefiting scholarships and industry promotion. Moreover, all their assistance with registration was greatly appreciated and needed. The Auxiliary again took on the task of stuffing the bags at registration, plus registering and providing badges to all Expo "walk-ins." Our Expo is a team effort, and we value all our teammates.

The closing reception featured a sumptuous buffet dinner, desserts, drinks, a raffle and plenty of socializing with peers – which meant our day ended on the friendliest of notes.

On behalf of our board, members, associate members and top-notch staff, thank you to everyone involved in the 2023 Expo: our exhibitors, sponsors, visitors, instructors and volunteers. Next year's Expo is on March 22. As always, I have many reasons and lots of history to anticipate our 2024 Expo will be even better. Planning is already underway!

Brian



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 21, 2023

Illinois PHCC Online CEU Class

JUNE 8, 2023

Illinois PHCC Annual Meeting &
Installation Event
Par-a-Dice Hotel, East Peoria, IL

APRIL 26, 2023

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THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who helped with the March 17th Illinois PHCC Expo and CEU class. Your time and dedication are unequalled and very much appreciated. We couldn't do it without you!

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CEU CLASS

Over 400 licensed plumbers attended the Illinois PHCC Expo CEU class on Friday, March 17th at the Drury Lane Conference Center in Oakbrook Terrace. Speakers were Brian Yelton, President of Inland Sales Group; Steven Ward of Federated Insurance; and IDPH State Inspector Brian McGrath and IDPH Code Consultant Mike Doolan. Illinois PHCC Past President Steve Stimson served as moderator for the class.

The registration for the class is done entirely by volunteers from around the industry, many of whom are also working a booth, manning the Expo registration, and helping in other capacities. They did an awesome job of getting the attendees in and out in a timely manner.



The Illinois PHCC would like to thank everyone involved with the class and the Expo for their continued dedication and support. We couldn't do it without you!




ILLINOIS PHCC AUXILIARY SELLS ITEMS AT EXPO



In addition to volunteering with the CEU class and Expo registration at Drury Lane on March 17th, Auxiliary members were busy selling t-shirts and Illinois Plumbing Code books. The Auxiliary receives a portion of the proceeds from the sale of each Code book. Auxiliary members and volunteers also

(donated by Federated Insurance) and handed them out as people entered the show.

The proceeds from the Auxiliary's projects at the Expo are used for their scholarship fund and industry promotion/support projects.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

BY BEV POTTS

The Spring Session of the 103rd Illinois General Assembly began on January 11th. We have now passed several passage deadlines for legislation. Senate bills listed as in Senate Assignments and House bills listed as in House Rules are most likely dead for this session, but we will continue to watch them for any movement.

Plumbing/Piping/Trade Related Bills:

HB 316 (E. Welch) Makes a technical change in the Fire Sprinkler Dormitory Act. On Calendar Order of 2nd Reading in the House.

HB 441 (E. Welch) Makes a technical change in the Restroom Access Act. On Calendar Order of 2nd Reading in the House.

HB 670 (E. Welch) Makes a technical change in the Fire and Smoke Damper Inspection Act. On Calendar Order of 2nd Reading in the House.

HB 1164 (J. Hoffman) Amends the Regulatory Sunset Act to extend the repeal date of provisions of the Illinois Plumbing License Law concerning irrigation contractors from January 1, 2024 to January 1, 2029. On 3rd Reading in the House.

HB 1190 (B. Morgan) Amends the Illinois Underground Natural Gas Storage Safety Act to provide that, in the case of a verified facility release, the owner and operator of the underground natural gas storage facility is responsible for specified actions. Requires the maintenance and installation of monitors be done by an Illinois Licensed Plumber. Amended and passed the House.

HB 1198 (D. Vella) Creates the Program to License Electricians Act. Re-referred to House Rules.

HB 1286 (K. Stuart) Amends the Equitable Restrooms Act to provide any multiple-occupancy restroom may be all-gender. Requires specified signage, stall dividers, and urinal partitions. Provides ratio requirements on the number of required fixtures. Requires IDPH to adopt rules to implement the provisions. Passed the House and is now in Senate Assignments.

HB 1834 (T. McCombie) Makes a technical change in the Restroom Access Act. On Calendar Order of 2nd Reading in the House.

HB 2119 (J. Mason) Provides that the regional superintendent of schools is to inspect and approve school building plans and specifications for energy conservation measures. Re-referred to House Rules.

HB 2221 (M. Flowers) Creates an income tax credit in the amount of 50% of the installation cost for taxpayers who have an approved NFPA 13D residential fire sprinkler system installed in a new or existing residential dwelling. Re-referred to House Rules.

HB 2270 (S. Kifowit) Makes a technical change in the Illinois Plumbing License Law. Referred to House Rules.

HB 2322 (E. Gonzalez, Jr.) Creates the Water Reuse Task Force Act. Re-referred to House Rules.

HB 2621 (S. Kifowit) Provides that IDPH shall create a pilot program to allow the Department to enter into an agreement with a licensed plumber employed by a municipality to do inspections on behalf of the Department and submit appropriate documentation as requested to verify the inspections were completed to the standards required by the Department and outlined in the partnership. Passed the House.

HB 3046 (A. Williams) Provides that the IEPA shall propose and the Board shall adopt (1) amendments to the Board's primary drinking water standards that will repeal the prohibition on the use of recycled sewage treatment plant effluent set forth in Title 35 and that will make any other revisions to those rules that are necessary to facilitate water reuse in the State and (2) rules establishing programs for both direct potable and nonpotable reuse of treated wastewater, including rules establishing permitting standards and a permit application process. Passed the House and is in Senate Assignments.

HB 3839 (B. Halbrook) Provides that a county or municipality may not adopt any regulation that prohibits the use of natural gas in new construction. Re-referred to House Rules.

SB 32 (D. Harmon) Makes a technical change in the Employee Washroom Act. On Calendar Order of 3rd Reading in the House.

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SB 126 (C. Villanueva) Amends the Equitable Restrooms Act to provide any multiple-occupancy restroom maybe all-gender. Requires specified signage, stall dividers, and urinal partitions. Provides ratio requirements on the number of required fixtures. Requires IDPH to adopt rules to implement the provisions. Referred to Senate Assignments.

SB 650 & SB 726 (D. Harmon) Makes a technical change in the Restroom Access Act. Both are on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading in the Senate.

SB 847 (D. Harmon) Amends the Fire and Smoke Damper Inspection Act. On Calendar Order of 3rd Reading in the Senate.

SB 1168 (J. Curran) Amends the Fire and Smoke Damper Inspection Act. On Calendar Order of 3rd Reading in the Senate.

SB 1241 (C. Rose) Creates the Energy Performance Contracting Act. Referred to Senate Assignments.

SB 1366 (R. Villivalam) Provides that every municipality shall inspect all single-family residences and multi-family buildings in the municipality built before 1978 for the presence of lead paint and lead piping by June 1, 2025. Referred to Senate Assignments.

SB 1370 (C. Wilcox) Creates the Fuel Gas Detector Act to provide that at least one fuel gas detector shall be installed in every room containing an appliance fueled by propane, natural gas, or liquefied petroleum gas. Referred to Senate Assignments.

SB 1420 (L. Holmes) Makes a technical change in the Illinois Plumbing License Law. Referred to Senate Assignments.

SB 1523 (L. Ellman) Creates the Water Quality Assurance Act. Provides that new and existing health care facilities shall develop and implement water management programs with specified elements to control the growth and spread of opportunistic waterborne pathogens. Other provisions. Re-referred to Senate Assignments.

SB 1683 (R. Martwick) Creates an income tax credit in the amount of 50% of the installation cost for taxpayers who have an approved NFPA 13D residential fire sprinkler system installed in a new or existing residential dwelling. Re-referred to Assignments.

SB 1715 (S. Hilton) Amends the Illinois Plumbing License Law. Provides that the Department shall adopt a rule requiring that for each drinking fountain in any construction where a drinking fountain is required under



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the Illinois Plumbing Code, there shall also be a bottle filling station or a combined bottle filling station and drinking fountain. On Calendar Order of 2nd Reading in the Senate.

SB 1793 (E. Jones III) Amends the Equitable Restrooms Act to provide any multiple-occupancy restroom maybe all-gender. Requires specified signage, stall dividers, and urinal partitions. Provides ratio requirements on the number of required fixtures. Requires IDPH to adopt rules to implement the provisions. Referred to Senate Assignments.

SB 1804 (L. Murphy) Provides that use of a refrigerant is not prohibited if the refrigerant is identified as a safe alternative under a specified federal statute and is contained within equipment that is in accordance with specified federal safety standards. On Calendar Order of 2nd Reading in the Senate.

SB 1938 (D. DeWitte) Provides that, in the case of water main installation projects, all water main-related appurtenances, and specifically fire hydrants and valves, shall be included in the Agency's written approval of specified public water supply plans. Requires fire hydrants and valves to be designed and installed in accordance with specified standards. Assigned to Senate Local Government Committee. Deadline extended until March 31th.

SB 2049 (R. Villivalam) & HB 2485 (J. Hoffman) Creates the Mechanical Insulation Energy Audit Act to provide that the EPA shall perform a mechanical insulation energy audit of every public building within the State to ensure the building's mechanical systems function at operating temperatures that minimize energy loss and ensure public health and safety. Assigned to Senate State Government Committee with the deadline extended until March 31th. HB 2485 is on 3rd Reading in the House.

SB 2283 (R. Villivalam) & HB 2778 (N. Manley) Creates the Safety in Professional Steel Erection Licensure Act to license all steel erectors in the State. The definition of steel erection includes the word plumbing in the covered activities. While we feel the intent the word plumbing

is referring to vertical alignment, we will be watching carefully to ensure that this does not refer to anything used in the trade of plumbing such as pipe hangers, etc. Re-referred to Senate Assignments.


SB 2368 (D. Koehler) Creates the State Building and Residential Codes Act. Provides that the Capital Development Board, in consultation with the Department of Natural Resources, shall adopt a Building Code that establishes minimum requirements for the construction of commercial and residential buildings. Amended and placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading in the Senate.

Other Construction/Business Related Bills:

SB 133 (L. Holmes) This is an initiative of our industry partner association, IMSCA, and it amends the Public Construction Bond Act to provide that a local government entity may not withhold more than 5% retainage when a contractor has furnished a surety bond or its equivalent. On Calendar Order of 2nd Reading in the Senate.

SB 1704 (R. Villivalam) Another initiative of IMSCA, this bill amends the Mechanics Lien Act to allow Liens to be delivered by overnight delivery companies, such as FedEx and UPS, rather than only by certified mail return receipt requested. In Assignments.

SB 1570 (K. Lightford) This bill would allow municipalities to utilize design/build. Passed the Senate and sent to the House.

There are many other bills we are watching that deal with Public Private Partnerships, Prevailing Wage, Procurement, Public Utilities, Indoor Air Quality/HVAC, Workforce, Energy, and more. 



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3. A scholarship shall be awarded to an individual who has been nominated by a member of the Illinois PHCC Past President's Club who has been a member in good standing for the past two years.
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 2023.
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Application must be received in the Illinois PHCC office no later than May 25, 2023

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1. The applicant must be at least a freshman in college having completed one full semester with at least 8 credit hours of study. Seniors in high school may NOT apply.
2. No person may receive more than one award from the Illinois Auxiliary during his or her academic career. There cannot be more than two awards per family per year. A permanent list of recipients will be kept in the scholarship files.
3. In addition to the completed application form, the applicant must submit the following:
 - A letter from the applicant with personal data, family size, explanation of need for scholarship monies, and career plans. Also include information about participation in high school, college, and community activities as well as work experience. Knowledge of and/or working experiences with plumbing industry may be included, but is not necessary.
 - Three letters of recommendation.
 - One letter must be from a sponsor who is a member in good standing of the Illinois PHCC Auxiliary.
 - The other two letters must be from people who know the applicant personally and can attest to the applicant's character. They may also provide additional pertinent information such as academic performance and involvement in extra-curricular activities. Knowledge of parents does not necessarily qualify them for having knowledge of applicant.
 - Photo of the applicant.
 - Official transcripts—see details on application form.
4. **The deadline for submitting the application is May 26, 2023.**
 - Application must be postmarked no later than this date and include all the information required. If it is incomplete, application materials will be discarded and applicant will not be considered for a scholarship. Applicants may resubmit the following year.
 - The scholarship committee will have the final decision in awarding these scholarships. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Gail McWilliams.

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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 _____

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. Please read Scholarship Rules.

1. Completed application above

2. Small photo stapled to application

3. Three letters of recommendation as follows:

A. One letter of recommendation from sponsoring Auxiliary member who is not a parent, guardian, or spouse

B. Two letters of personal recommendation from people not related to applicant

4. Personal letter: State request and list your high school and college extra-curricular activities.

5. Original copy of high school and college transcripts. These can be sent under separate cover. **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: _____

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