

# ***Michigan Plumbing & Mechanical Contractor***

***The miracle is this - the more we share, the more we have.***  
***--Leonard Nimoy***

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***A major part of the mission of the Greater Michigan PMC is volunteerism. We view this as an integral part of the duties of our organization.***

***When you cease to make a contribution, you begin to die.***  
***Eleanor Roosevelt***

In the following pages we have outlined a number of the programs that we have become involved in. The programs provide much needed assistance for the neighborhood, while it also brings the members of the PMC and their employees of UA Local 190 together. It enables us to assist with providing additional resources for the communities that they so desperately need.

## **Adopt A Vet . . . To Tell Them Thanks**

The members and offices of the Greater Michigan Mechanical Service Contractors in cooperation with our Ferris State University Chapter will work with the Greater Michigan Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors Association to make available to the National Guard families from the Big Rapids Armory, plumbing and mechanical contractors on whom they can

depend, while their loved ones are overseas.



As this is a new program, we are in the process of contacting members of our national organizations enlisting them as participants for the home areas of the Guard Families.

Other items we can assist on, from the standpoint of our Ferris State University MSCA Student Chapter Members, and the PMC are being considered. Our first request was helping someone who was unfamiliar with computers and was having problems.



Representatives from the Chapter were in Big Rapids when the Reservists shipped out in early February, including a much younger contingent who drove up to attend the send off for the PMC, leaving Livingston County before 6:00 AM to be there to show their support.





## Packets for Military Personnel

The Association, along with our younger support teams, put together Christmas care packages for the soldiers in Iraq. The students went shopping, after taking the time to research the internet, for the items the soldiers needed most.

Packets, Christmas Cards and candy were packed and taken to the Howell Armory and sent to a division from the Livingston County area.



With hundreds of thousands of U.S. troops deployed around the world, actively engaged in Operation Iraqi Freedom and the fight against terrorism, the USO is offering a way to send a reminder to the troops that they are appreciated and have not been forgotten.

Due to heightened security, individuals can no longer send letters and packages marked for delivery to 'Any Service Member'. Endorsed by the Department of Defense, the USO program "Operation USO Care Package", provides individuals with a way to touch the lives of our deployed troops around the world.

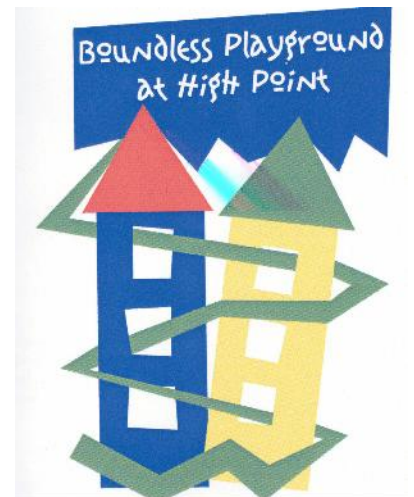
The USO is sending care packages that include requested items such as pre-paid worldwide phone cards, sunscreen, travel size toiletries, and messages from Americans who want to thank them for their service. As days turn into weeks and weeks into months, reminders from home are welcomed by the troops. If you would like to consider contributing, further information is available at [questions@usocarepackage.org](mailto:questions@usocarepackage.org).

## Boundless Playground

What is the Boundless Playground at High Point? Imagine a place where people of all abilities can laugh, grow, learn, and play – together!

Ann Arbor is just one of 19 Michigan communities that received grants to build a fully integrated, universally accessible play environment. The Able to Play Project was launched with a lead gift from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The PMC is a financial sponsoring organization, and is working to get volunteers for the build project.

Play is vital to a child's development! Boundless Playgrounds are designed to be fun, rigorous and challenging places for youth of all ages.



The educational benefit of a Boundless Playground was evident after such a play area was built at the Baer School in Baltimore, Maryland. Students with severe disabilities experienced an increased rate in their developmental growth—more than double the growth they experienced prior to the playground being constructed.

2004 marked the 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that the Greater Michigan PMC/MSCA and UA 190 – Plumbers / Pipefitters / Service Technicians have provided services to the public through the HEAT's ON Project (Handicapped and Elderly Assistance to Our Neighbors). Over 100 volunteers from the PMC, UA 190 and local contractors and students worked to insure the welfare of citizens in both Washtenaw and Livingston Counties.



As in the past, the morning began with a breakfast for all participants where they received their assignments for the day. The breakfast gives new

volunteers the opportunity to learn from the “Old Timers” what the day should hold, and how to deal the most effectively with the participants.

## ***Ferris State University HEAT'S ON Project***

Greater Michigan MSCA's Ferris State University Student Chapter held their fourth HEAT'S ON Project. The Chapter has participated in the program with Greater Michigan MSCA and UA Local 190 for the past six years. They enjoyed their participation, but felt they wanted to do more for the Mecosta County where Ferris State University is located.



The Chapter took on the monumental task of scheduling a project for their hometown, working with the Mecosta County Family Independence Agency. Then calls were made to have volunteers from MSCA contractors and chapters throughout the state participate.

Trucks came from Flint, Goyette Mechanical Company, and Grand Rapids, Hurst Industries. Chapter Advisors Sandra Miller and her Assistant Lily Calmeyn, from Greater Michigan MSCA, and Chapter Advisor Mike Feutz, FSU were also in attendance.



# Habitat for Humanity

## Women's Build Project



The PMC membership continues to be actively involved in Habitat for Humanity. This year we are sponsoring fourteen houses where the PMC pays for the materials to do the mechanical work at homes.



UA 190 members donate the time to do the installation. In addition to our members donating money and materials for the projects, they also donate the contractors' trucks and tools for the installations.

A number of the members' employees are involved in local projects and volunteer their evenings and Saturdays to work on the homes.

This year, the Washtenaw County Habitat for Humanity built a home with all women labor. The PMC and UA Local 190 were involved in getting donated labor, and helping to pay for some of the equipment and supplies on the project.



## ***Student Home Building Project Celebrates its 34th Year***

The Ann Arbor Student Building Industry Program celebrated its 34<sup>th</sup> Year with a Banquet last May at the Ann Arbor Sheraton Inn. The event was well attended with over 100 guests. The Banquet recognized the Class of 2004 Student Builders and the 2004 Scholarship recipients. Pat Durston, President, Ann Arbor Student Building Industry Program Board of Directors gave the welcoming remarks. Dr. Larry Whitworth, President, Washtenaw Community College, was the Keynote Speaker for the event.



**The Ann Arbor Student  
Building Industry Program**

At the end of the 2004 school year, the Ann Arbor Student Building Industry Program completed its 34<sup>th</sup> home. The program, which began with the assistance of the Greater Michigan Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors Association (PMC), has been one of PMC's most important programs for over 35 years.

The Student Building Industry Program is an important component of Greater Michigan PMC's *Career Development Enterprise*. From this early exposure to the construction industry, many of the students decide to continue their education in construction related disciplines.

The 2004 Scholarship Awards were presented to students for further study in a field associated with the construction industry and also for the architecture and design industry.

You can learn more about the Ann Arbor Student Building Industry Project by going to the website designed and sponsored by PMC: [www.aastudentbuilding.com](http://www.aastudentbuilding.com)

## ***Secret Santa's***



The PMC has participated for a number of years in the Secret Santa Program through the local Family Independence Agencies.

For the fifth year we have also helped a very special family that was having problems making Christmas the experience they wanted due to limited financial resources.

They have nine children they've adopted after having them as their foster children. The majority of the children they have adopted are "special needs" children. We could think of nothing more important at this time of the year that we could do, that better exemplified the season than helping this special family.

So, we made the decision to adopt them, again. Associates at our office shopped for specific presents with a little help from their children. We were more than happy to help Santa along with such a large number to provide for.



***Pictured above, Santa's helpers, L. – Barbara Branch, wife of Plumbing Board Chairman Duane Branch, R. - PMC's Doris Reinhold and Lisa Molina – Below L. – PMC's Diane Calmeyn***



## PMC Sponsor Colonel Mike Mulane's Presentation to Local School Children



Colonel Mike Mullane, retired Air Force and NASA Astronaut was a special speaker on leadership for two schools in the Greater Michigan area.



Selected as a Mission Specialist Astronaut in 1978 in the first group of Space Shuttle Astronauts, he completed three space missions and logged 356 hours in space. He has written and published numerous books.



While in Michigan for the an Ethics Seminar, Colonel Mullane enthralled two groups of students with discussion of his space exploration, at the request of Eastern Michigan University, and PMC and NECA. Colonel Mullane arrived a day early and spoke to the 130 students at Pinckney's Pathfinder Middle School (left). The day of the event, students, and members of the NASA



Club from Scarlett Middle School, Ann Arbor (above) came to the EMU/Eagle Crest Center to listen to his space exploits. Along with his time in space he spoke extensively on goal setting, doing your best, and taking care of your body (particularly staying away from drugs and alcohol) to enable them to obtain their dreams.

## YMCA New Building Supported By PMC



Serving the community since 1858, the Ann Arbor YMCA's first home was on the campus of the University of Michigan in Lane Hall. Throughout the years the YMCA has been a vital and important part of the Ann Arbor Community. Presently, the Ann Arbor YMCA served more than 14,000 participants in 2003 in a facility which opened in 1960. The current YMCA building has undergone a series of renovations to try to keep pace with the needs of the community.

Although always working at it's best, the need for services dictated that a new building was necessary. The PMC has made a financial commitment to assist with the construction of the new facility. The new YMCA building will be situated between Washington and Huron at Third Street. It will allow

the YMCA to offer a wider range of programs and activities for all of Washtenaw County.

## Supporting Our Youth



The Greater Michigan Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors Association (PMC) continues to be an active participant in community youth activities. Another proven way to reach youth is to be visible in their



programs. To that end, PMC is proud to be a 2004 Sponsor of sporting teams such as the Dexter Little League, the Ann Arbor Angels Baseball Club, the Howell Hawks Baseball Team (2004 BPA State Tournament Champions) and the Ann Arbor Wolves Hockey Team.



Greater Michigan PMC is always looking for ways to introduce school children to the mechanical and plumbing industry at younger ages. PMC sponsors the "Supplies for Students" program which donates materials to teachers and advertising in yearbooks, sporting programs and posters. This type of team sponsorship and youth involvement has proven to be a good opportunity to put the thought of our industry in front of students at a very young age.

### ***Friends in Deed***

One of the organizations that we help each year is the *Friends In Deed*. We assist with the newsletter, printing it and other brochures, and financially support their Bed Drive that is held annually around Christmas time. The drive provides new beds for families. Friends In Deed is a program we first became involved in through Mary Jean Zill, wife of Board Chairman Lloyd Zill, (pictured right) who was a long-time volunteer at the organization.



### ***Flights for Kids***

***"When the barrier between a desperately ill child and medical treatment is distance . . . Miracle Flights for Kids makes the miles disappear."***



This is the motto of Miracle Flights, an organization of private pilots who donate their time, aircraft and fuel to fly needy children to hospitals and medical centers. Along with private pilots, due to



the tremendous distances traveled, many of the flights must now be booked on commercial airlines, at great financial cost. This is where organizations like ours can assist with donations of free miles on airlines, and monetary contributions. Miracle Flights for Kids honored the PMC for sponsoring the cost of transportation for an Alanson child to a specialized medical treatment facility in Ohio.