

Volunteer Issue

Every problem that the country faces is being solved in some community by some group or some individual. The question is how to get connected so that the whole nation can solve problems. A volunteer is a person who can see what others cannot see; who can feel what most do not feel. Often, such gifted persons do not think of themselves as volunteers, but as citizens - citizens in the fullest sense: partners in civilization.

George H. W. Bush





Our nation will succeed or fail to the degree that all of us citizens and businesses alike are active participants in building strong, sustainable and enriching communities.
Arnold Hiatt



Greater Michigan PMC was host for Heat's On. Through the combined efforts of both PMC and Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 190, the project, which is

in it's 17th year, covered two counties, Washtenaw and Livingston.

In all the contractors, by donating their trucks, and the Local 190 Volunteers, donating their time, provided free safety inspections and repairs of heating systems in Washtenaw and Livingston County. In addition to the service work, each home was provided with a fresh carbon monoxide detector, and either a new smoke detector or fresh batteries for their existing smoke detectors. These homes, thanks to the efforts of PMC and Local 190, will be safe and warm this winter.

Both the PMC and Local 190 participate in numerous activities during the year; without a doubt this is the favorite of all. We do such a number of return calls. When the service personnel walk in usually the recipients have snacks ready for the workers. It's a great



relationship to build with the community.

After a quick breakfast, students were partnered with

the service tech's who had donated their time and were off for the days

work. A number of volunteers stayed behind to serve as "runners" to take parts out to the various



service calls when necessary.





Chapter sponsor Sandra Miller reviewed the procedures for the service calls and discussed the forms and paperwork that needed to be prepared during the visit.



Each truck took carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors for

Greater Michigan MSCA's Ferris State University Student Chapter held their sixth HEAT'S ON Project. The Chapter has participated in the program with Greater Michigan MSCA and UA Local 190 for the past eight years.



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 participate from MSCA contractors and chapters throughout the state.

Trucks came from Ann Arbor, Boone & Darr, Flint, Goyette Mechanical Company, and Grand Rapids, Hurst Industries. Chapter Advisors Sandra Miller and Assistants Lily Calmeyn and Teresa Pugh, from Greater Michigan MSCA, were also in attendance. The appointments had been pre-set, reviewed and confirmed by MSCA.



each home, along with batteries to update and replace those in homes that had them installed.



HEAT'S ON The Rest of the Story . . .

When the volunteers go home after a hard day's work, the rest of HEAT's On is just ready to begin. Our Association works with the local services agencies to correct any problems that have come to light from the inspections.



Usually the participant has little or no resources available to them, so the hunt begins for help. This year, along with a number of other issues we had to pull out an old furnace and re-



place it to insure that the participant would make it through the winter.

A furnace was donated by Jim Dornbrock of Altech Mechanical Service, one of the PMC's local HVACR Contractor for the project.



The UA 190 Apprenticeship Class was brought in to take out the old furnace and load it up for scrap (its important to recycle). The apprentices, under the direction of the contractors and apprentice instructor then installed the new furnace to the delight of the homeowner.



The Behavior Workshop (BW) is a youth development and community improvement organization, working to introduce positive alternative lifestyles to at-risk youth residing in low-income housing in

Washtenaw County. Their mission is to assist families in removing barriers from their lives that will stunt their growth and development.

Greater Michigan PMC has been supporting Behavior Workshop for over 3 years and we are always pleased at the projects this group is able to organize. Part of our support this year was providing the kids and instructors of the C.A.P.S. (Computer Assistance Program) program with Golf Shirts with their names and group logo. Everyone is very proud of their opportunity to display their involvement in the Behavior Workshop and the C.A.P.S. program.

PMC Honored At 1st Annual Computer Building Competition/Awards Ceremony

C.A.P.S. hosted it's 1st Annual Computer Building Competition/Awards Ceremony and honored PMC's sponsorship of C.A.P.S. Students.

Ypsilanti Mayor Paul Schreiber and Behavior Workshop (BW) Program Director Tyrone Bridges presented an appreciation award to PMC's Executive Associate, Diane Calmeyn.



Also in attendance were the Ypsilanti Board of Education President Floyd Brumfield and his wife Flora Brumfield. Parents and sponsors came to support the students involved in the program.

Packets for Military Personnel

The Association, along with our younger support teams, put together Christmas care packages for the solders in Iraq.



Students went shopping, after taking the time to research the internet, for the items the solders needed most.



The PMC developed a new calendar featuring highlights of the *Ann Arbor Student Building Industry Program* for Ann Arbor Public Schools. The project was very successful with counselors and school administrators alike, vying for copies. PMC Executive Associate, Diane Cal-

meyn, has been working with the Marketing Committee of this organization for several years. Through these types of efforts we have found that the program has had a resurgence and rather than be concerned about having enough students to fill both classes, we find ourselves interviewing students and being able to choose those best suited to the program. The continued success of the program has even prompted school administration to reinstate other vocational education classes that had previously been eliminated. There is a new class in the planning stage which would be a prerequisite to the Building Program.

While students have been provided work jackets representing the program for several years, this year we went to a Carhartt coat fully embroi-



dered with the programs logo. The students take so much pride in their coats, they don't want to wear them to work in!

Throughout the years, the Greater Michigan Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors Association has had participation from not only the contractors who sat on the Board of Directors, but also through the PMC staff. Diane Calmeyn took the PMC President's place on the Board over eight years ago, and has greatly enjoyed working with the students, introducing them to the many benefits of our industry.



As this program, amazingly, completes its 38th year, it stands as a remarkable tribute to the dedication and hard work of the

many individuals who have participated.



Volunteers on the Board of Directors, the Presidents and Builders of Record, the Instructors and their Assistants, the Schools and School Boards, Contractors and Labor Unions, and most importantly the Students, will always be able to point with pride to their accomplishments.

The Greater Michigan PMC is enormously proud of our involvement in this program over the past three decades. We salute all who have worked so hard to make this the premier program of its type in the Country.

Secret Santa



The PMC continues to participate in the Secret Santa Program. This is our fifth year of helping a family that has nine children they've adopted after having them as their foster children. The majority of them are "special needs" children.

We couldn't think of a better way to spread Christmas cheer than helping a family that has given so much.

MCAA Chapters Bring Dr. Katz to Learning Fair



Ever wanted to learn how to make chocolate candy or find out more about the dangers of electricity or how HVAC works. Local area children learned about those topics and more when they headed to the Spring Arbor University Learning Fair with their friends and families. The 14th annual event provided children

with hands-on learning. Angela Klobuchar, a Spanish teacher at Northwest High School, helped coordinate the event.



In an effort to educate youth on the benefits of a career in the plumbing and mechanical industry, the Michigan MCA, along with the Greater MI and Detroit MCA co-sponsored Dr. Jerry Katz to the recent Learning Fair held on Spring Arbor University's main campus. Dr. Katz of the National Foundation of Energy Education (NREE) works with MCA chapters around the country. Our program used several demonstrations showing the practical application of the science concepts, including:

The relationship between Newton's Law of Cooling and thermostat settings.

Heat flow and the insulation of walls, ceilings and Ductwork

The cooling effects of evaporation and Boiling, and the refrigeration cycle

Dr. Katz's program "Professionals in the Classroom" is sponsored, free of charge, by our local MCA Chapters.

Veteran's Hospital Donation

One of our new programs this year is making and solicitation donations for Veteran's at Ann Arbor's Veteran's Hospital. Pictured below are PMC staff members packing up a collection of blankets and Girl Scout Cookies to have at the VA for needy Veterans.



We will be starting a solicitation from our membership of items they can donate to help with the immediate needs of the veteran patients at the hospital.

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 of children to specialized medical treatment facilities

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 left)

who was a longtime volunteer for the program.

