

# Volunteer Issue

*To the world you may be one person, But to one person you may be the world. -- Anonymous*



The Ann Arbor Student Building Industry Program



# FSU / Greater MI MSCA—6th HEAT'S ON Project



is committed to doing everything necessary to get the recipients furnace up and run-

Greater Michigan MSCA's Ferris State University Student Chapter proudly held their sixth annual HEAT'S ON Project, on October 4th.



The Chapter has participated in the program with Greater Michigan MSCA and UA Local 190 for the past six years. The Chapter took on the monumental task of

scheduling a project for their hometown, working with the Mecosta County Family Independence Agency. Trucks came from Ann Arbor, Boone & Darr and Hutzel Plumbing & Heating, Flint, Goyette Mechanical Company, and Lansing, T. H. Eifert, Inc. Chapter Advisors Sandra Miller and Diane Calmeyn and their Assistant Lily Calmeyn, from Greater Michigan MSCA, and Chapter Advisor Mike Feutz, FSU were also in attendance. Each truck took carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors for each home, along with batteries to update



and replace those in homes that had them already installed.



*Pictured left at this year's program is a family who we replaced their furnace the previous year*

## Chapter and Greater MI MSCA Install New Furnace

One of the outcomes of the HEAT'S ON Project is the necessity to replace furnaces. Unfortunately, the majority of the time there are limited resources available. The Greater MI MSCA

ning. During last year's program we began working on a furnace that needed to be replaced. Although initially we thought the Family Independence Agency was going to be able to provide resources from either their Agency or the winterization project, neither was available.



That being the case, the Association and Chapter took it upon themselves to install a

new furnace as part of this year's HEAT'S ON Project. So early in the morning Ken Clelland, Service Tech from Boone & Darr, Inc. and three students made their way out to the home of a family in dire need of assistance.



Students provided the muscle to take out the old furnace from the basement and bring in the donated furnace from MSCA. It was a long day, but the furnace was running when they left (late in the evening.) Mike Feutz, Chapter Advisor, (and former sheet metal worker) provided the sheet metal work. The furnace needed some additional work which was completed by the end of the week, and the homeowners were delighted.

It was a win, win, win, situation. The students learned a great deal working on the project, the homeowner is warm with safe heat.



***You have not lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you...Unknown***



Habitat for Humanity seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action.

Habitat invites people of all backgrounds, races and religions to build houses together in partnership with families in need. Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses with the help of the homeowner (partner) families. Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit and financed with affordable loans. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are used to build still more Habitat houses.

The Greater Michigan PMC and UA Local 190 have been involved in the local Habitat for Humanity programs for the past 15 years.

As costs for materials continue to rise, it is becoming increasingly difficult to fund the construction of Habitat homes in Michigan and across the country. Without their assistance, it would be necessary to raise a good deal of additional money to accomplish the building of our house!

In a recent local HFH newsletter they wrote: "We are and have been extremely grateful to the following folks for their commitment to helping provide quality homes for deserving individuals in our community: Milt Andrews - all of our Mechanical Engineering; Bob Ramsay - all of our Electrical Engineering; Local 190 of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union - all of our plumbing".



As important to our build as the financial contribution these folks have made is the fact that they do great work!



Over the years, we have an inspection record which would be envied by any prime contractor.





The Ann Arbor Student Building Industry Program

## *Student Building Program*

## *Building Homes for Today and Careers for Tomorrow*

The Ann Arbor Student Building Industry Program recently held their annual banquet celebrating the completion of their 38<sup>th</sup> home. The AASBIP was started in 1970 by a group of local business, labor, and school leaders who believed that students could build a quality home with proper supervision and instruction, and in the process, gain valuable experience and skills.

The PMC again distributed a calendar featuring highlights of the *Ann Arbor Student Building Industry Program*. The calendar has again proven to be very successful with counselors and school administrators alike, vying for copies. PMC Executive Associate, Diane Calmeyn, 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, we are now providing the students with Carhartt jackets fully embroidered

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.

Every year, for 38 years, the Ann Arbor Home Building Program has produced



a quality new home. This year completes the third home in The Somerset Neighborhood, which was a parcel that was developed as a venue for the Program to build a home every year, for eleven years. Financing for the development of The Somerset Neighbor was provided by UA 190 Joint Fringe Benefit Committee. With the hard work of our dedicated students, support of local builders, contractors and related industry professionals this home has become a reality.

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.***

## Michael Brunett Selected as Secretary of MPMCA



The Greater Michigan PMC is proud to announce that Michael Brunett, John E. Green Company, was selected to serve as Secretary of the Michigan

Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors Association. The Secretary's position places Mike in line to become President of the organization in 2014.

Mike has had an enormously distinguished career in our industry. He began as an apprentice and has been with the same firm, the John E. Green Company, since 1955.

Mike Brunett has served on the PMC's Board of Directors and is currently Chairman of the Board for the past 20 years. He has been a dynamic member of the local Negotiating Committee, a committee that has ushered in major changes in the local contract, that have been adopted nationally and throughout the country. He has been involved in numerous local and statewide committees, including being President of the Michigan Mechanical Contractors Association.

## Duane Branch Reappointed to MI Plumbing Board



**Congratulations to Duane Branch and Dave Jones on their recent re-appointments to the Michigan State Board of Plumbing!**

Duane Branch has been a member of the Board for over fifteen years and was elected Chairman in 1994, and each subsequent year thereafter. Duane, who was MPMCA's Contractor of the Year in 2002, has been involved in the mechanical industry for the past 50 years. He was a past President of the PMC and actively involved in

apprenticeship training and code education for most of those years. He and his wife Barbara have been married for 56 years with two children, one grandchild, and one great grandchild.

## Dave Jones Reappointed to MI Plumbing Board



Dave Jones of the John E. Green Company was appointed to his second term on the Michigan Board of Plumbing. Dave is the Assistant Office Manager and Estimator/Project Manager at John E. Green. Dave received his Journeycard along with his

Associates Degree from Washtenaw Community College in 1984. He currently serves on a number of committees, including the Greater MI UA 190 Joint Training Committee. Dave Jones and his wife Therese have been married 24 years with six children, ages 13 to 23, and one grandchild.

## MASB—Michigan Association of School Boards Exhibit

Executive Associate, Diane Calmeyn, attended the Michigan Association of School Boards, (MASB) 2008.



Exhibit Show he MASB Exhibit brings education and business together, giving the opportunity to be more visible to those who make school purchasing decisions. The booth was sponsored by the Michigan Construction Roundtable and was attended by representatives of the Michigan AGC, Michigan MCA, Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council and the International Masonry Institute. Materials distributed included *Michigan Construction Careers* manual which is prepared by the PMC, and a brochure highlighting the benefits of organized labor in school construction along with prizes.

**18<sup>th</sup>  
Annual  
Heat's  
On  
Project**



Through the combined efforts of both the Greater MI MSCA and UA Local 190 Plumbers/Pipefitters/Service Technicians, the local HEAT'S ON Project completed it's 18th year, in our local area, and our 6<sup>th</sup> year with our Ferris Chapter

replaced and working in no time.

The programs does a number of return calls.



When the service personnel walk in usually the recipients have snacks ready for the workers.

These homes, thanks to the efforts of MSCA and UA 190, will be safe and warm this winter.

The program continues to install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors for those who don't have them. If they do, we change their batteries and make sure they are in good working order.



This year we had to shut down five furnaces, and had them

**It's a great relationship to build with the community.**



**Members of our Ferris State Student Chapter (pictured above) Volunteered at the Greater Michigan Project**