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*Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received - only what you have given: a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage.*

*--St. Francis of Assisi*





*I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.*

*--Albert Schweitzer*

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## ***PMC, UA Local 190 and the Joint Labor-Management Fund***

Greater Michigan PMC, UA Local 190 and the Joint Labor Management Fund were proud to support our members and their families for the Make-A-Wish 300 Mile Bike-A-Thon. GF Wilbur Plumbing & Heating, represented by George Wilbur and his son Jonathon Wilbur, Dan McGovern, retired former owner of McGovern Plumbing & Heating, along with Jonathon Judd, a Wilbur family friend formed team Bora-Bora to honor Jonathan Wilbur who has been fighting cancer for over nine years.



***L. to R.—Team Bora Bora—Jonathon Judd,  
George Wilbur, Dan McGovern, Jonathan Wilbur***

Team Bora Bora rode the 300 miles across Michigan in an effort to help other children experience the dream of having their wish come true. In 2002 at the age of 17, Jonathon was diagnosed with cancer. Jonathon began a series of intense weekly chemotherapy treatments that lasted 2-years.

As you can imagine this was the most difficult time of his life. Jonathon was an active all state swimmer and normal high school senior with his whole life in front of him, planning for college, plotting out his career, when all was crushed as his life took this wild turn. Shortly after his treatments began he was contacted by the Make-A-Wish foundation. Jonathon had been chosen as a Wish recipient.

This gift given to him is the reason the Team participated in the WAM 300, to be able to give the same opportunity to other children who have life threatening diseases and to be able to make their wishes come true. Here is Jonathon's story in his own words.

"You have cancer. Not one of the things someone wants to hear, especially a teenager. Those were the words I heard from the doctor on October 2, 2002. I was 17 and a state champion swimmer from Milan High School. I was planning on attending North Dakota University for aviation. All it took was one phone call to change my life completely. When I was a teenager I felt invincible, at some time or another I think every teenager feels that way. But I was wrong.

About a month before I was diagnosed, I was jumping on a trampoline when suddenly my left knee gave out. It was very painful but not enough to go to the hospital. After a couple of pain pills the pain subsided and I was able to walk again. The next day I woke up and was having problems walking right away, I immediately told my parents. One week later I had an appointment with an orthopedic surgeon, he suggested that I needed an MRI to assess the problem. The next week went by really slow; I had a lot to think about. Finally the time came to go to the bone cancer specialist. The doctor I went to see was right to the point, she did not have a good bedside manner but you do not have to when you are the best in the field. She suggested that I get a biopsy on the tumor to find out if it was cancerous or not.

Four days later I was sitting in a prep room waiting to get a large needle pushed into my femur. After the two hour procedure it was time to go home. I was not able to walk for the rest of that day. The next day I was feeling well enough to go to our schools basketball game, it wasn't enjoyable I had to use crutches, but on the brighter side of things I was able to park in a handicap space. When the game was through I went home, as I was pulling in my driveway I noticed a lot of cars around. I was thinking to myself why are there people at my house on a Tuesday night at nine; it never crossed my mind that my results were in about my tumor. As I pulled up my mother, father, and grandfather were sitting outside waiting for me, they asked me to park my truck and come inside, and I demanded to know why. As my father told me I had cancer, but not just any cancer, a cancer called pre-b cell lymphoblastic lymphoma and that I had to be at the hospital at six the next morning my mind just went blank, I wasn't sad, I wasn't mad, I was just there."



Thus began Jonathon's odyssey. One of the highpoints was that after being in treatment for a couple of months Jonathan was approached by a social worker that, for the first time, introduced me to the make-a-wish foundation. "I was asked "what is your wish" the first thing that I could think of is a vacation, but not just any vacation one that would change my life and get my mind off of this disease that will affect me for the rest of my life. After a day or so I found the perfect place, Bora Bora! The make-a-wish foundation gave me that wish and sent my family and myself to Bora Bora for ten of the best days of my life.

For more information on Jonathan—[wishmich.org/borabora](http://wishmich.org/borabora) or to learn more about Make-A-Wish or to make a donation—[wishmich.org](http://wishmich.org)

## 10th Year for Ferris's Heat's On

Greater Michigan MSCA's Ferris State University Student Chapter proudly held their tenth annual HEAT'S ON Project, on September 24, 2011.

The Chapter has participated in the program with Greater Michigan MSCA and UA Local 190 for the past ten 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, Hutzel Plumbing & Heating and Johnson Controls, Grand Rapids, Hurst and Lansing, T. H. Eifert, Inc.

Chapter Advisors Sandra Miller and Diane Calmeyn and their assistant Teresa Pugh, from Greater Michigan MSCA, and Chapter Advisor Mike Feutz, FSU were also in attendance.

Each truck took new furnace filters, carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors for each home, along with batteries to update and replace those in homes that had them already installed.





## 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 on the internet, for the items the soldiers needed the most.

Packets, Christmas Cards and candy were packed and sent to a division in Iraq. This program was even more meaningful as one of the soldiers in our group is a friend of the family, of an employee.

## Food Gatherers



Food Gatherers exists to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes in our community by reducing food waste through the rescue and distribution of perishable and non perishable food; coordinating with

other hunger relief providers; educating the public about hunger; and developing new food resources.

The Association collected 269 lbs of food and 3 boxes of toys for Toys for Tots.

## US Marine Toys for Tots

The Greater MI PMC was a collection location for the



US Marine's Toys for Tots and the Food Gatherers. This year we combined our volunteering for these organizations with the Inspectors Luncheon. Those attending were notified that if they were interested in donating, receptacles would be available during our Annual Inspectors Luncheon.

The mission of the US Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community.

## Saint Joseph Mercy Saline's 2011 Golf Classic

St. Joseph Mercy Saline held its 21st annual Golf Classic in May, at Travis Pointe Country Club. The event raised more than \$ 76,000.



Rob Casalou, President & CEO (far left) and Jim Blum, Golf Classic Chair (far right) with the 1st place mixed team representing John E. Green Co. : Frank Johnson, Lisa Marino, Ben Green, and Anne Johnson

Proceeds will support mammography and related screening services for under-insured and uninsured individuals in the community. 116 golfers enjoyed a beautiful day and the 1st place mixed team winner was John E. Green Company.

With a multitude of daily expenses - food, housing, utilities and transportation—that take priority over health screening, those who have been hardest hit by the economic downturn are less likely to seek care.

Delays in screenings decrease the odds that cancer will be found before an advanced stage, or in the most severe cases, before it is too late. For those who have to make choices about seeking care, your support will help patients bridge the gap to gaining quality health screening and diagnostic care.

## 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.

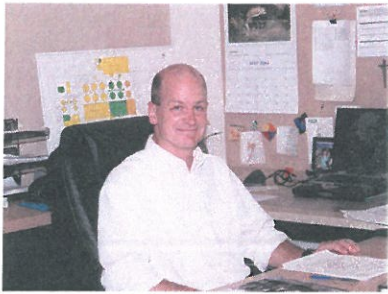
The drive provides new beds for families. Friends In Deed is a program we

first became involved in through Mary Jean Zill, (pictured above) wife of Board Chairman Lloyd Zill, who was a longtime volunteer for the program.





## ***Dave Jones Reappointed to MI Plumbing Board***



Dave Jones of the John E. Green Company was appointed to his third term on the Michigan Board of Plumbing. Dave is the Branch Manager at the Ann Arbor office of John E. Green Company.

Dave has had a long and distinguished career in our Industry. He received his Journeyman along with his Associates Degree from Washtenaw Community College in 1984. He received his Master Plumbers License in 1988. He serves as the Chairman of the Greater Michigan National Certified Pipe Welding Bureau, a member of the Greater Michigan UA Local 190 Joint Training Committee, Owners/Users Committee and has been involved in numerous activities on behalf of the Association, and the plumbing industry.

A dedicated family man, he is very involved in his families' activities, in the community and his church. Dave Jones and his wife Therese have been married 27 years with six children, ages 15 to 27, and one grandson.



The Greater Michigan PMC and UA Local 190 have been involved in the local Habitat for Humanity programs for the past 17 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!



## ***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.

In an effort to educate youth on the benefits of a career in the plumbing and mechanical industry, the Greater MI PMC along with Michigan MCA, again cosponsored Dr. Jerry Katz at the recent Learning Fair held at Jackson Area Career Center.



Dr. Katz of the National Foundation of Energy Education (NFEED) works with MCA chapters around the country.

Jerry has participated in the fair for several years and was a great hit with both students and parents. Before the 2011 event was finished, we had already been contacted asking for us to sponsor the presentation again, due to the outstanding comments from the Learning Fair participants.

The 18th annual event provided children with hands-on learning. Angela Klobuchar, a Spanish teacher at Northwest High School, helped coordinate the event.



## ***The Ann Arbor Student Building Industry Program***

Throughout the forty years of the program, the students have built quality homes in some of the best neighborhoods in Ann Arbor. ***But the most important asset that comes from the program is not the homes -- it's the students.***



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The AASBIP has historically served non-traditional student populations within the Ann Arbor school district. These tradespeople of tomorrow will need to pursue studies beyond high school in order to compete in the competitive marketplace. For these young men and women, three scholarships were formed to assist the students with college as they studied construction related courses and are often a lifeline to pursuing their dreams.



The Ann Arbor Student Building Industry Program kicked off their brand new development, *Sumerset Neighborhood* with a *Beginning Celebration*, in 2005.

*Sumerset Neighborhood* is a development of 11 home sites to be built by the students of the Ann Arbor Public Schools Student Building Industry

Program over the next decade. They began their 36<sup>th</sup> home which was completed in 2006.

These houses are providing attractive homes in a lovely setting as well as providing an opportunity for students to gain practical experience in the residential construction industry.

Financing for the development costs are provided by UA Local 190 Plumbers/Pipefitters/Service Technicians/Gas Distribution Pension Trust Fund.

Continuing with the great history of this program, much of the time, effort and labor required to develop this property was either volunteered, donated or performed at cost.

## ***Ann Arbor Student Building Industry Program Pancake Dinner***

PMC Executive Associate Diane Calmeyn participated in Flippin' Out for Student Builders Pancake Dinner.

This first time fundraising event was designed to improve awareness of the program and to provide scholarship opportunities for students who wish to attend college in a construction related field of study.



The Student Building program is in its 41st year, providing educational training to Ann Arbor high school students interested in the building trades and home building.

The Pancake Dinner was very successful with an approximate profit of \$2,700.00.

