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**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** 



# **Volunteering**

You will find as you look back upon your life, that the moments that stand out are the moments when you have done things for others. Source Unknown





Jessica Arndt, Office Manager at Robertson-Morison, Inc. a PMC / MPMCA member participated in the most recent Muscular Dystrophy Lock Up. Her efforts were supported by the UA Local 190/PMC Labor Management Fund. She has worked at Rob-Mor for over 12 years. Jessica is the mother of three brilliant girls. This is her first MDA lockup.



Congratulations to Jessica for finding time to volunteer as she continues to be busy completing her MSA at Eastern while raising the girls.

As she stated on her website: "Believe it or not, I'm going to jail and I need your help. While it's not a real jail, it's even more important as I'm raising bail to help children and adults with muscle disease in my community who are supported by the vital work of the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). I might not be able to rely on good

behavior to get out so that's why I need your help - I need you to donate to my bail! I know that together we'll *Make a Muscle and Make a Difference* in the fight against muscle disease."

The Lock-Up is the Muscular Dystrophy Association's premier fundraising program. These high-profile events occur all across the country at various times throughout the year. Business and community leaders agree to be "put behind bars for good," where they use their vendors, co-workers, family and friends to get donations that will go toward their "bail."

Each Jailbird has weeks to raise their

donations. That way, on the day of the Lock-Up event, they can enjoy the Lock-Up experience by networking with other busi-

ness leaders and meeting with the individuals and families that they're helping in their community.

All funds raised by the MDA Lock-Up assist the Association in providing lifesaving research, a nationwide network of medical clinics and accessible summer camp experiences to individuals and

families affected by neuromuscular diseases.

#### US Marine Toys for Tots—Food Gatherers

The Greater MI PMC was a collection location for the US Marine's

Toys for Tots and the Food Gathers. This year we again 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 U.S. 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.

Food Gatherers exists to alle-

viate 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.



The Ann Arbor Student Building Industry Program

Building Homes for Today and Careers for Tomorrow!

Throughout the forty three years of the program, the students have built quality homes in some of the best neighborhoods in Ann Arbor.

The Ann Arbor Student Building Industry Program (AASBIP) kicked off their development, *Sumerset Neighborhood* with a *Beginning* 



*Celebration*, in 2005. Financing for the development costs was provided by UA Local 190 Plumbers/Pipefitters/Service Technicians/Gas Distribution Pension Trust Fund.

This year as the 8th home in the 11 lot development is completed, the Program was again presented with an opportunity to acquire land to assure the sustainability of the program, when it purchased 8 lots in the Kirkway of Scio Development. Kirkway of Scio is located just west of the City of Ann Arbor, and is a community of 44 single family residential properties in Scio Township. Financing was again provided by UA Local 190 Plumbers/Pipefitters/Service Technicians/Gas Distribution Pension Trust Fund for the purchase of the lots.

These homes are being built by the students of the Ann Arbor Public Schools Student Building Industry and 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.

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.

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.

This June they completed their 43rd home which is currently for sale.



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

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

This third annual 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. With ours, and others, continued sponsorship of this event, the Scholarship Fund continues towards its goal of being an Endowed Fund.

The Pancake Dinner was very successful with a growing number of sponsors, earning an approximate profit of \$5,800.



### PMC/UA Local 190 Mechanical Industry Labor-Management Fund

PMC/UA Local 190 Labor-Management Fund continues to fund local programs for the good of the community–at-large. Some of our recent programs include:

## Ann Arbor School for the Performing Arts



The Ann Arbor School for the Performing Arts has a long history of both in-kind and monetary support from organized construction trade unions and contractors. In particular, PMC along with the PMC//UA Local 190 Plumbers/Pipefitters/Service Technicians Labor Management Fund provided major support, recog-

nizing the difference music can make in developing our community.

Continuing its core programs in Early Childhood Music, Youth Orchestra, Chamber Music, Jazz Studies and Private Instruction and well as adding the Horizons Senior String Orchestra. It continued also to award thousands of dollars in need-based financial assistance and started a very important partnership with the Ann Arbor Public Schools to provide music instruction to the underserved in the community. To this day, AA-SPA has stayed true to its mission created by its founders over 20 years ago. This rich community resource has clearly struck a chord in the Ann Arbor community, serving students from age 14 months to 72 years, and continues to strive to nurture the musician in all of us.

## **Community Dinner**

The fund continues to support the free Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Community Dinner at Perry School (Gymnasium) was originally formed on a small scale by the Behavior Workshop (BWs) cofounder Leolia Bridges who ran a small food distribution program at Forrest Knoll/Arbor Manor with Food Gatherers in 1994.

Her son Tyrone Bridges the Founder of the Behavior Workshop (BWs) organized a network of businesses, family, and friends to prepare side dishes such as greens, dressing, macaroni & cheese, corn bread, and desert sweet potato pie, including an assortment of cakes that contributed to each years the dinners capacity.



# Joint Labor-Management Fund Sponsors Skills USA State and National Competition

After an all first year student team representing four Ann Arbor high schools went on to national competition in Kansas City, Missouri from June 23rd to 28th, 2012, to compete for the national title; Ann Arbor Student Home Building Industry Program students won their third straight State TeamWorks championship in 2013, bringing the gold medal home to Ann Arbor.

As winners of last years event, it was again the responsibility of our local program to host this years event. Materials funding presents

quite a challenge and the PMC and UA Local 190 Joint Labor-Management Fund provided funding for all the plumbing materials.



Bob Dresselhouse of the John E. Green Company, himself an alumni of

the program, assisted with the plumbing take-off for materials.

As last year, retired Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector and UA



member, Gary Dresselhouse was there to witness the event and also served as one of the plumbing judges for the event. This year he was joined as an inspector, by retired Chief of the State Plumbing Division, Robert Konyndyk.

Four students worked together to defend their title in the TeamWorks competition at the annual State confer-

ence for SkillsUSA. The competition has two parts, a presentation that involves extemporaneous speaking as contractors presenting a business plan to potential clients. On Saturday they had a seven hour performance portion where they work together to build a structure that involves all the trades. The students have earned the opportunity to advance to the National conference and compete for national honors at the end of June in Kansas City, Missouri.

Funding roadblocks could have kept our students from attending this year. With little time to accept their opportunity to attend Nationals, the Joint Labor-Management Fund again stepped up with a sponsorship, insuring our students the opportunity to compete at nationals again!

#### Greater MI MSCA and UA Local 190 22nd HEAT'S ON

These homes, thanks to the efforts of UA Local 190 and MSCA, 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.

The program has a number of return clients from Neighborhood Senior Services, Michigan Department of Human Services (Washtenaw and Livingston Counties) and a retired UA Local 190 Member.

This year we had no shut downs on furnaces, and had some small repairs.



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















# Dr. John A. Weeks Scholarship Golf Outing

The EMU Construction Management Alumni Chapter hosts an Annual Golf Outing each year. The outing raises money for the Dr. John A. Weeks Scholarship, enabling outstanding students to receive a first-class Construction Management education and go on to pursue employment within the local construction industry. The Mechanical Industry Labor-Management Fund has been the Title Sponsor for the past two years.

#### Team Bora Bora and Make A Wish Foundation

With the help of UA Local 190 and the Greater Michigan PMC, Team Bora Bora raised \$11,775.00 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Their total distance was 318 miles and was covered in three days. There were 900 riders that participated in total and the ride raised \$2 million dollars from this years ride and will fund over 150 wishes for kids' with life threatening illness.

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Team Bora Bora included George Wilbur and his son Jonathan, of George F. Wilbur, Inc.





The Mechanical Industry Labor-Management Fund, which is comprised of Greater MI PMC and UA Local190, co-sponsored the UA's Champions for Charity 5K run during UA Week.

The United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters and Champions for Charity, sponsored its first Annual 5k and Pub Crawl. Held in Ann Arbor, the run was to raise awareness for the Semper Fi Fund. The money that was raised from the Pub Crawl will benefit the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund which provides immediate support for injured and critically ill members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Pictured above are members of Hutzel Plumbing and Heating Co., Scott Cummins, John Munro, the winning runner, son of Hutzel Employee Bud Munro standing next to him and Nancy Cummins

#### Student Chapter Volunteerism

Our Student Chapter at Ferris State University is very involved in Volunteerism as part of the direction agreed to with our sponsorship. Here are a few of their projects.

#### Ramp Building Project



Just this fall, ten students joined with Professor Mike Feutz to build a wheelchair ramp for a disabled gentleman in Cedar Springs. The ramp was laid out by a crew from Home Repair Services Company in Grand Rapids that spe-

cializes in helping disadvantaged persons with disabilities adapt their homes to make them more accessible.

The crew had placed the posts and installed the outside stringers. MSCA volunteers installed carriers between each set of posts for the internal stringers, and then cut and laid 5/4 treated lumber decking material over the entire ramp.



They also installed railing material with a kick board to make the



doorway to the concrete skirt at driveway level and back up using his walker. He was genuinely thankful for the effort and grateful for his newfound mobility. His wife and family were also grateful because he could not enter and leave his home without assistance. Disability Advocates of Kent County coordinated the effort between Home Repair, the home owner, and the Ferris volunteers.

#### The Big Event

This past spring members again participated in the Big Event. Several MSCA members joined hundreds of students from Ferris and volunteered to go around town and do a spring cleaning for folks who can't



do the work themselves.



They cleaned up yards, pruned some bushes, and painted some fences. Basically, anything the people needed doing that did not require power tools. More than 200 houses were served.

# Blood Donations for the Red Cross Bell Ringing for Salvation Army



Members of the Chapter volunteered to help the Salvation Army with their Annual Christmas Fundraising Drive by bell-ringing at the

local stores. This is the fifth year that the Chapter has participated with the bell-ringing and collections for the Salvation Army. Members also participated in a number of local blood drives. There is no greater time of need for blood than during the holiday seasons.

#### Homecoming

The Chapter continues to assist with homecoming and will do so again this year. Members help set up, cook hot dogs and host the HVAC tent. They also provided people to help out the night before homecoming to get everything organized. Trip

points are given to all that help.

This is one of the many ways that members of the Chapter earn credit with involvement to help them be able to attend national functions such as the MSCA Conference, MCAA Student Summit, and the MCAA Convention.