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**James Dornbrock**  
**MPMCA Contractor of the Year**

Be of service. Whether you make yourself available to a friend or co-worker, or you make time every month to do volunteer work, there is nothing that harvests more of a feeling of empowerment than being of service to someone in need.

Gillian Anderson

**Cover Sponsor**





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

-Albert Schweitzer

## Volunteering

The Greater Michigan Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors Association continues its efforts toward making our communities better places to live. We see this as one of the major parts of the PMC's mission. 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 those in need, while it also brings the members of the PMC and their employees at UA Local 190 together. It enables them to provide the resources for the community that it so desperately needs.



This year we again combined our volunteering for these organizations with our Annual Inspectors Luncheon.



Those attending were notified that if they were interested in donating, receptacles would be available during the luncheon for Toys for Tots and Food Gathers, with a number of the people involved participating by donating to the cause.

Cpl. Jason Jabloski, US Marine Corp attended the luncheon. He discussed the mission of the Toys for Tots Program collecting new, unwrapped toys and distribute those toys and gifts to needy children in the community. He also reviewed the enormous impact it has made for children who would have had no presents under the tree.



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 227 lbs. of food and 3 boxes of toys for Toys for Tots at the event.

## PMC Brings Dr. Katz to Learning Fair

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 co-sponsored Dr. Jerry Katz at the recent Learning Fair held at Jackson Area Career Center.



Dr. Katz of the National Foundation of Energy Education (NFE) works with MCA chapters around the country. Local area children learned about those various career topics, including HVACR, and more when they headed to the Learning Fair with their friends and families.





## PMC/UA Local 190 Labor Management Fund Helps First Response Kenya

A new project for the Labor-Management Fund to financially support was "First Response: Kenya". A team of four people from the University of Michigan were asked to go to Kenya and help educate staff (physicians, nurses, EMT's) on trauma/medical care. The program team included Andi Mitchell, wife of former Business Manager Bryce Mitchell. We received a report on the project, and thought we should give you the opportunity to read about the project from someone who was there.



***Keenan Stonebraker, RN, EMT-P  
Team Leader for "First Response: Kenya"***

We wanted to share with you our mission trip to Kenya, and to let you know how your generous donation had such a positive impact on the team and the folks we helped.



First, your donation enabled us to purchase quite a bit of training equipment in order for us to provide the best training possible. After the training we left the equipment



with the folks in Kenya so they could continue practicing their new skills.

The 29 folks we trained were mostly doctors and nurses, but were not aware of the many things that we taught them. Our training was to focus on emergency medical service, and to prepare them to respond to accidents and other emergencies outside the hospital.

Before the training, victims were put into an ambulance with no care on scene or in route to the hospital. This mission changed all that.

We provided training in medical, trauma, burns, pediatrics and child-birth. They also learned about advanced life support, spine immobilization and vehicle extrication, as well as ambulance operations. It was a very busy two weeks! The students were very enthusiastic and worked very hard. They also caught on very quickly.



You may be wondering what the results of all this training were. The governor of Kilifi county was so impressed with the training we delivered, that he ordered eight new ambulances with the promise of buying 50 more in the next five years. The county is also working with the local university there to establish the first paramedic training program in all of Kenya!

The program will likely start this fall. One of the head physicians in Kilifi is also organizing a program to train all staff in basic life support, such as CPR.

We have also been invited back to help organize the communication system and continue the training for their new first responders. Neighboring counties are also interested in the program as well.

We just wanted to let you know that your generous donation made all of this possible! It was a tremendous help, and our team as well as the folks in Kenya send their gratitude to the UA Local 190—PMC Labor Management Fund.



***Jack Winchester, Altech Mechanical  
and Kevin Groeb, UA Local 190  
Presenting donation to Keenan Stonebraker***



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

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

Throughout the forty four 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 current 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 9th home in the 11 lot development is completed, UA Local 190 Plumbers/Pipefitters/Service Technicians/Gas Distribution Pension Trust Fund again provided re-financing to acquire land to assure the sustainability of the program. 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.

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 44th home which is currently for sale.

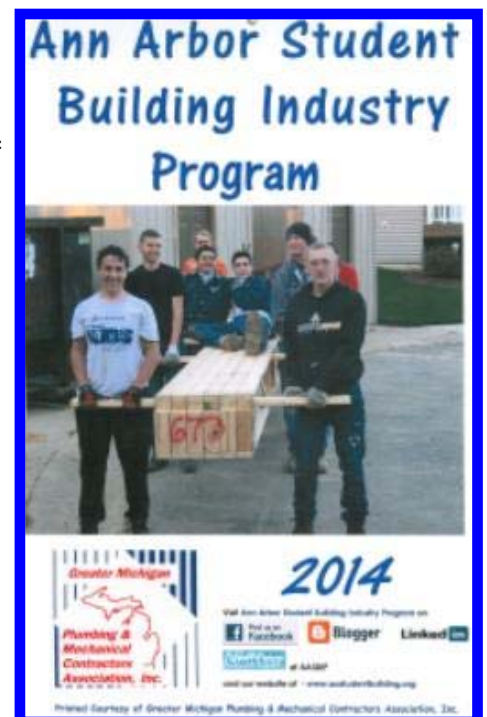
## ***Ann Arbor Student Building Industry Program Pancake Dinner***

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

This fourth 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 \$4,100 for the scholarship fund. Over the four years the historical impact of the dinner on the scholarship fund has been over \$18,500!

As part of this fundraiser, the PMC continues to produce the annual calendar for the Program. If you would like a copy, you may request one from our office.





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

PMC/UA 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, recognizing 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 as well as adding the Horizons Senior String Orchestra. It continues 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) which was originally formed on a small scale by the Behavior Workshop (BW's) co-founder Leolia Bridges in 1984. She ran a small food distribution program at Forrest Knoll/Arbor Manor with Food Gatherers.



Her son Tyrone Bridges, the Founder of the Behavior Workshop (BW's) organized a network of businesses, family, and friends to prepare side dishes such as

greens, dressing, macaroni & cheese, corn bread, and an assortment of cakes including sweet potato pie that contributes to each years, which is served to a capacity group.



### ***Joint Labor-Management Fund Sponsors Skills USA State Champs-***

Four students from the Ann Arbor Student Home Building Industry Program worked together to win their fourth straight year at the annual State Conference for SkillsUSA, Team Works Competition. The motto this year, in Grand Rapids, Michigan was *Champions at Work*.

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.

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.

The competition has two parts, a presentation that involves extemporaneous speaking as contractors presenting a business plan to potential clients. And then a seven hour performance portion where they work together to build a structure that involves all the trades.



## ***Greater MI MSCA and UA Local 190 23rd 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).

This year we had one shut down furnaces, and had some small repairs.

**It's a great relationship to build with the Community!**



## ***HEAT'S ON . . .***

### ***The Rest of the Story***

Along with the work done on Saturday, the service to the community continues after the program with follow up work.



This year we had to shut down one of the furnaces, along

with doing other follow-up projects.

HEAT'S ON Committee Chairman Jim Dornbrock, Altech Mechanical, helped with the furnace replacement by having a supplier sell the furnace at a greatly reduced rate and lined up the materials and workers.



Employees of Robertson-Morrison (pictured above) volunteered to install the furnace on their own time. **The**

**excellent response we receive from the contractors' service personnel is always so gratifying as they insure a safe winter for the needy individuals in our communities.**







Pictured - 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 Below—The winner getting ready to run



The Mechanical Industry Labor-Management Fund, again co-sponsored the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters and Champions for Charity, second Annual 5k and Pub Crawl.

Held in Ann Arbor, the run is 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.

## *Dr. John A. Weeks Scholarship Golf Outing*

The Dr. John A. Weeks Scholarship Golf Outing, held September 11 at Eastern Michigan University's Eagle Crest Golf Course, raised more than \$40,000. The proceeds will benefit construction management students at EMU.



The annual event, hosted by the EMU Construction Management Alumni Chapter, supports the Dr. John A. Weeks Scholarship, named in honor of the founder of EMU's construction management program. The scholarship enables outstanding students to receive a first-class construction management education at Eastern Michigan.



Dean Wade Tornquist and CM Alumni Chapter members Chris Longerbeam, Jacob Garcia and Deb Williams pose for a photo with President Susan Martin

For more than 20 years, the construction program has been a reliable resource for the growing construction industry's needs. EMU alumni are "building" Michigan's future. John E. Green Company's Jacob Garcia, pictured above, volunteers as a member of Eastern Constructors Alumni Committee and on the Golf Outing Committee. PMC Executive Associate Diane Calmeyn volunteers as a member of the Construction Management Advisory Board. **The Mechanical Industry Labor-Management Fund has been the Title Sponsor for the past two years of the event.**

# ***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.

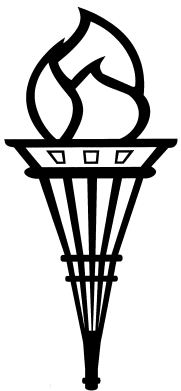
## ***Ramp Building Project***

This fall students joined with Mike Feutz to build another wheelchair ramp. The ramp was laid out by a



crew from Home Repair Services Company in Grand Rapids that specializes in helping the 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 ramp safe for wheelchair use.



## ***The Big Event***

Chapter Members participated in the Big Event again this school year. The Big Event 2013, billed as "One BIG day. One BIG thanks. One BIG Event" is the university's largest student-run volunteer project. It is an opportunity for Ferris students, faculty and staff to give back to the community many call

home. Last year, more than 1,800 students performed small service projects at about 290 homes in the Big Rapids area.

The Big Event is the community clean up project hosted by Ferris. Hundreds of students participate, including MSCA students.



They were rained out on the day it was scheduled, but six guys rearranged their schedules and participated the next week. This is the 4th year MSCA participated in the event.

## ***Blood Donations for 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.

***Success is about who you are,  
not what you have.  
Successful people work to  
discover their talents,  
to develop those talents and  
then to use those talents to benefit others as well as  
themselves.***

***Tom Morris***