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Individually, we are a drop.
Together, we are an ocean.
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Twenty-Fifth Year HEAT'S ON

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 25th year, in our local area. Combined with the 15 years with our Ferris Chapter, over the past 25 years we have performed 40 HEAT'S ON Projects.

These homes, thanks to the efforts of MSCA and UA Local 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. The program has a number of return clients. This year we had a number of follow-up projects that required small repairs.



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

Career Fairs and Jobs Fairs

Priority for PMC

The Eastern Constructors, the Student Chapter at Eastern Michigan University sponsored by the PMC, recently held the first of their twice annual Jobs Fair. The Fair gives the students the opportunity to speak with potential employers and/or to line up internships for their summer break. Along with familiarizing themselves with the various contractors present, it gave the students the chance to distribute their resumes, which they did to everyone possible.



Executive Associate Diane Calmeyn attended and talked with students about the opportunities available in the mechanical industry. She also collected resumes to be kept on file at the association office to be made available to contractors. The PMC held a drawing for the published "Building in Michigan" photo journal of construction in Michigan produced by Dale Fisher, in cooperation with the construction industry.



Michigan Construction Career Days

In May the Michigan Construction Career Days were held in Howell. The "MICCD" is a construction career exploration open to ALL Michigan 7th-12th grade students.



MICCD is a tested blend of construction education, training and career information booths, hands-on activities and hands-on equipment operation.

The Greater Michigan PMC had an exhibitor booth at the event, distributing our Construction Careers Manual and a remote set-up educating students on utilizing the PMC's website enabling them to review the requirements.



Pictured above is UA Local 190's Les Pullins who demonstrated the principles of the HVAC Industry.

It provides Michigan's young people the chance to see, feel and experience construction work up-close using real tools, equipment and materials, while standing side-by-side with actual construction professionals.



Ann Arbor Huron High School Career Technical Education (CTE) Department organized their Second Annual Career open house inviting the entire school district. It was an evening for parents and students to attend an open house where they were able to visit (CTE) labs, learn about training and post secondary options, and gather information about opportunities that exist for high school graduates in the Washtenaw County area.



The opportunity to talk with parents and give them exposure to career goals for their children that may not be college driven, was well received. The attendance

was better than last year and definitely had the attention of parents.

The Big Mitten & Michigan State Fair and Festival



The festival is a cause driven event motivated by the organizers desire to help expose young people and the community to the opportunities available in the skilled trades.

What would the nation's future look like with a significantly more energy educated public? The answer is that students and the general public, if provided with balanced and scientific information, would support wise energy policies and be wise in their own personal energy use. In 2009, [NREE](#) launched a ten year effort to prompt business, government, and the education community at all levels, to join together to establish programs which support ongoing and comprehensive energy education programming in the nation's schools and communities; to



comprehensive programs that will help primary and secondary school educators meet the energy education components of state and national education standards. Leading that cause was Jerry Katz, Mr. Energy, who presents programs around the country. services annually for programs for students, training teachers and educating the public on energy concerns.

When we were contacted by The Learning Fair and the organizers of The Big Mitten, we knew who we needed to support our recruiting efforts, Jerry Katz. He worked with our volunteers discussing the trade and performing different science projects related to our trade. At times there were twenty to thirty people in a circle around the tent at any time. The PMC was joined in our efforts by Michigan NECA. Volunteers included Tom Lavendar, Derek Dagleish, Randall Whitaker, Sandra Miller, along with MI NECA representatives Mike and Margret Crawford. The Crawford's assistance was crucial to the success of the project.

For a first time effort, we were happy with the results

Particularly with the comments regarding Mr. Energy—Jerry Katz.



Labor-Management Fund Sponsors Skills USA

Ann Arbor Student Building Industry Program students tied a record, taking six competitors, for the two events they were eligible to compete in, TeamWorks (team of 4) and 2 individual carpentry competitors.

The Team-works crew of Ryan Snuverink, Nathan Weinert, Will Jones, and Alex McMath brought home the silver medal for second place in a tough two day competition of extemporaneous presentation, plan reading and hands-on construction.



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

Industry Supports Skills USA Contestants

The Mechanical Industry Labor Management Fund supported the South & West Consortium Students to compete for the ***Skills USA*** National Title in the Welding Fabrication Competition.



The SWWC Welding Fabrication Team traveled to Washtenaw Community College to face off against other schools from across the state. While most students were off enjoying spring break, the SWWC was working hard using the blueprints for the project they received one week prior.



They worked several days after school to come up with a game plan and to hone their skills. This particular event judges the teams' ability to read blueprints, follow weld symbols, and to assemble a project within specified tolerances. Their dedication and hard work earned them back to back gold medals and a trip to Louisville, KY for the National Competition.

The Mechanical Industry Labor Management Fund continues to support the next generation of Trades.

Seniors get comfy by donation of chairs from GMPMC

The seniors at Melvin T. Walls Manor located in Ypsilanti appreciated the new comfort addition (chairs) to the learning center. These seniors are learning to use computers through the Behavior Workshop (BW) which works with at-risk youth residing in low-income housing throughout Southeast Michigan.



Local Unions Help Out with Flint Water Crisis

There were 470 union members from around the State of Michigan who helped in the January 30 effort. Water bottles were delivered and state-supplied faucet-mounted filters were installed in 1,533 homes.

The volunteer plumbers placed 113 new faucets, when it was found that the existing faucets were inadequate for accepting the filters. The effort was aided by the donation of 68 service trucks/vans, by 25 different union-affiliated contractors.



Community Music School of Ann Arbor



The Community Music School of Ann Arbor 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.

Flippin' Out for Student Builders – 6th Annual Pancake Supper



The PMC and UA Local 190 Joint Labor Management Fund continue to be major supporters of the Ann Arbor Student Home Builders Program (AASBIP). For six years, the annual Pancake Supper has been the major fundraiser for the Scholarship program. In this sixth year, over \$25,000 has been awarded to the scholarship fund from the supper.

Recognizing the need to provide support for all vocational education programs, the supper also supports the Ann Arbor Schools Culinary Arts Program, as they provide the catering for the evenings festivities!





Feutz Honored by MSCA for His Work with Students

A Ferris State University HVACR associate professor has received an award from the Mechanical Service Contractors of America, for his work with students in the program.

Mike Feutz received the *D.S. O'Brien Award of Excellence* at the MSCA Conference held in Colorado Springs, Colorado, in October.



He has served as faculty advisor to Ferris' MSCA student chapter since 1998. Feutz said that the honor was a "total surprise," though he noted having a front row seat at the conference awards ceremony should have tipped him to an unusual development. "I was totally unprepared, as most of the recipients are MSCA member contractors," Feutz said.

The D.S. O'Brien Award was established in 2000, and is presented each year to an individual who exhibits extraordinary dedication to the HVACR industry, and to the MSCA.

Feutz said that he was asked to serve Ferris' MSCA chapter as faculty advisor by students, in 1998. The chapter had formed the year before through the efforts of Scott House, whose father, Don, was Business Manager of the United Association of plumbers, fitters, welders and service technicians.

Feutz recognized Sandra Miller, the President of the Greater Michigan Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors Association, for forming the Chapter and her continued involvement with the MSCA chapter.

"My being named for this award is somewhat unfair to her," Feutz said. "She has been right there with me in support of these students."

Chapter's 15th HEAT'S ON

The Chapter has participated with Greater Michigan MSCA and UA Local 190 for the past 16 years. They enjoyed their



participation, but felt they wanted to do more for Mecosta County where Ferris State University is located.

The Chapter took on the monumental task of scheduling a project for their hometown, working with the Meosta/Osceola County Family Independence Agency. Trucks came from Ann Arbor, Hutzl Plumbing & Heating, Goyette Mechanical, Ann Arbor/Flint, and T. H. Eifert in Lansing. Associate Director Diane Calmeyn, from Greater Michigan MSCA and Chapter Advisor Brian Holton directed the program.



Homecoming

The Chapter continues to assist with homecoming and will do so again this year.

Members help setup, 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.***



Inspector's Luncheon and Charity Event

PMC held our Annual Inspector's Luncheon which was emceed by Retiree Duane Branch.

This luncheon provides an ideal opportunity for contractors and their employees to meet with local inspectors and officials in an informal setting to discuss items of mutual concern. It also gives all in attendance the opportunity to hear announcements from those in attendance what they see coming in their departments in the New Year.

Along with representatives from the UA, Cynthia Maher, Executive Director, MI Mechanical Contractors Association reviewed recent legislative issues and new regulations. From a number of retirees, a full house of members and inspectors, representatives from the UA, to Michigan MCA's Executive Director, all the necessary ingredients for a remarkable holiday party were there.

Food Gatherers

Donations were also received for the Food Gatherers Food Bank. 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 226 lbs. of food.



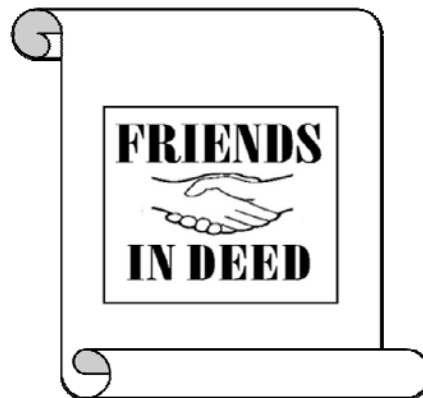
Again, this years luncheon attendees had an opportunity to donate to the Toys for

Tots. A representative from the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program was in attendance to discuss the program and the positive effect it has on the community at large. He also thanked those in attendance, Inspectors and Contractors alike, for their continued support year after year. The Association collected 3 boxes of toys at the event.



Friends In Deed

One of the organizations that we help each year is the *Friends In Deed*. We assist with their newsletter, printing it and other brochures, and financially support their Bed Drive that is held annually around Christmas time.



Friends in Deed is an interfaith organization that responds to unmet needs of low-income Washtenaw County residents.

We partner with the community to provide critical financial assistance, furniture, congregational services and agency referrals.