



Years of Service to the Industry



UA 190 First Apprenticeship Class – Commencing 1946

L. to R. – Neil Bucholz, Dave Hoskins - UA 190 President, Lloyd Zill, Robert Northrup, Louis Bauer, Fayne McGovern, Frank Carson, Dick Pinegar, Louis Boone, William Romelhardt, Ron House - UA 190 Business Manager, Sitting in front James Beranek

Fifty Eight years ago, in year 1946, the city of Ann Arbor and it's surrounding area were about one third of it's present size.... The group of men in this picture are survivors of the original twenty four that comprised the first ever, Federally sanctioned plumbing apprentice class surrounding the City of Ann Arbor and vicinity....

Several of these men, became the leading owners of the principal Plumbing and Heating Shops that survive today , while others of this group replaced out of town foremen and supervisors that came to this area to run the work of the Plumbing and Piping industry for all of the buildings that were constructed during their time....This was the beginning, and it follows today, that many supervisors for the current Plumbing and Piping industry comes from ranks of of Local 190 and It's associated Contractors here in Ann Arbor.

Retirees and members of UA 190 were honored at a recent Award and Retiree Ceremony for all members of the Local. Special recognition was given to the first Apprenticeship Class of the UA 190. Of the original twenty-three members of the class, twelve are pictured above.

Of those pictured -- Neil Bucholtz, became 190's Training Coordinator and was instrumental in it's move to Washtenaw Community College.

Lloyd Zill and Bill Romelhardt went into business together and then became partners at Hutzl Plumbing & Heating, Michigan's oldest plumbing company, with Gene Cummins, whose children now own the company, Louie Boone partnered with Robert Darr forming Boone & Darr, Inc. one of our largest contractors, still going strong 55 years later (still owned by Robert Darr, Louie Boone retired in the 80's).

Not pictured, William Bush, who passed away in the early 70's. Bill became UA 190's Business Manager, and the first Chief of the Michigan State Plumbing Division.

Apprentices from the first class were: Louis Bauer, James Beranek, Louis Boone, Neil Bucholz, William Bush, Frank Carson, Eugene Flick, Paul Houser, Richard Jacobus, William Marz, Tom MacDonald, Fayne McGovern, Donald Noffsinger, Robert Northrup, Louis Payne, Richard Pinegar, William Romelhardt, Emanuel Sodt, Kenneth Sodt, Larry Stalker, Roy Van Zant, Wesley Worth, Lloyd Zill.