

Right To Work from the Organized Specialty Contractor's Perspective

Greater MI PMC along with other Construction Associations jointly sponsored a seminar on the new Michigan Right To Work Law.

Donald H Scharg, Bodman PLC (right) was the featured



speaker for the program outlining the various parts of the new law, and how it will affect the organized industry.

Greater MI PMC, Michigan Chapter NE-



CA, Architectural Contractors Trade Association, Michigan MCA and MCA of Detroit jointly sponsored the event which had over 80 people in attendance.



2012 Student Chapter Summit Huge Success

MCAA's 2012 Student Chapter Summit had about 200 attendees. Members of MCAA's student chapters, their faculty advisors, local associations executives and staff and interested contractors came to Kansas City, MO for a conference dedicated to the future professionals of our industry.



The conference focused on techniques and tools to help young industry hopefuls run successful projects and opera-

tions. PMC's Associate

Director Di-

ane Calmeyn attended the conference and helped chaperoning the members of our Ferris State University Student Chapter who attended.



The Opening remarks and encouraging words about the career opportunities available to well-

educated and talented young people who are interested in gaining full-time employment or student internships with the mechanical contracting, mechanical service and plumbing industry.

Attendees enjoyed dinner and a tour of the Liberty Memorial World War I Museum.

Great Lakes Peer Group 2013 Health and Welfare Roundtable

Trustees from the MCA Great Lakes States met in Dearborn to discuss Taft Hartley Health and Welfare Trust Committees programs. Changes resulting from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Legislation.

The program was presented by Rick Gerasta. Mr. Gerasta joined The Segal Company's Chicago office in 1991 as a Benefits Consultant. He works with multiemployer clients on defined benefit pension, defined contribution and health and welfare design, and funding issues. His clients include Taft-Hartley building trade funds and retail/food industry funds.

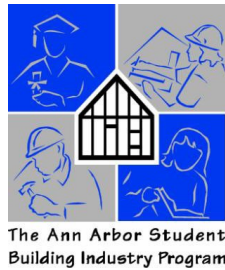


After the presentation a Roundtable was held discussing various topics, including: PPACA How to comply; what plans can expect cost-wise and Administration-wise, Retiree Health Plans Reserves, Wellness Programs, Cost Containment Ideas, Sharing of data regarding Employer and Employee contributions to Health and Welfare programs, Educating Union members to support the concept of paying out-of-pocket for some Health and Welfare Cost.



AASBIP Pancake Breakfast Flippin-Out III

PMC Executive Associate Diane Calmeyn participated in Flippin' Out III for Student Builders Pancake Dinner. This third time fundraising event was designed to improve awareness of the Ann Arbor Student Building Industry 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 43rd year, providing educational training to Ann Arbor high school students interested in the building trades and home

building. The Pancake Dinner was very successful earning approximately \$5,800.00 for the scholarship fund.

Duane Branch Dedicated Industry Volunteer

At the Inspectors luncheon we also honored Duane E. Branch, industry volunteer, dedicated teacher, appointee to numerous boards and committees and dedicated representative of the Plumbing & Mechanical Industry.



Duane has had a long and distinguished career in our industry. He has dedicated himself to making our industry and the State of Michigan a safer place. He received his Master Plumbers License in 1958. Duane's first supervisory position was as a Foreman at the original Parke-Davis Research Complex in 1958. Since that time he has served in all positions in the Industry up to and including a Plumbing Contractor – DeBar Contracting. As a Contractor he was President of the Greater Michigan Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors Association, and served on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Master Plumbers Association (now MPMCA).

Duane Branch was honored as the 2002 MPMCA Contractor of the Year. The honor of being named Michigan Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors Association's Contractor of

the Year, was by Duane's account, one of the greatest highlights of his career.

He has served as the College Liaison and School Administrator with Washtenaw Community College for apprentice and journeyman training for the plumbing and pipefitting industry. He has been an Instructor on the BOCA Plumbing Code at Washtenaw Community College for over 25 years.

Duane was Chairman of the Michigan Plumbing Board. He was first appointed by Governor Engler to the Board in 1991 and has been subsequently reappointed for the past 21 years.

Throughout his tenure he has worked tirelessly to improve the Codes and Licensing for the betterment of the Industry and the citizens of the State of Michigan. In these endeavors he has donated untold hours to this goal. As a member of the Michigan Plumbing Board he was responsible for the rewritten practical portion of the Plumbing Exam, helping to bring Michigan up-to-date in licensing laws.

He was a Member of the original Committee that reviewed and proposed the adoption of the BOCA Code for the State of Michigan and has also been a member of the International Code Rules Committee, analyzing the code to be adopted for the State. He has served on the Joint Committee on Medical Gas, along with numerous other Committees in connection with his duties as Chairman of the Michigan Plumbing Board.

Duane was also a member of the Michigan Construction Code Commission, serving on the Commission as an active member, for more than eight years.

Duane was married to his wife Barbara for over sixty years. She passed away more than a year ago. He has two children and four grandchildren. His grandson Jeff received his journey card from UA Local 190, and presented Duane and Barbara with their first Great Grandchild, 10 years ago; and with a second great grandchild recently born.



His commitment to the Industry and family exemplifies every aspect of the man's devotion to his trade.

As Duane Branch winds down his career, there could be no better way for our Industry to thank him for his dedication and efforts, than naming an "Award of Excellence" after Duane to be awarded in his honor.

John Darr Mechanical receives 2013 Pyramid Award

John Darr Mechanical received the 2013 Pyramid Award in the category for the best sub-contractor



over \$500,000. The 3-D coordination drawings,



creative construction methods and effective manpower utilization led to on-time completion within an extremely aggressive schedule.

John Darr Mechanical, Inc. started in business in 1997 within 3

years they have gone from their beginning to being a force to be reckoned with. They have been involved



in some of our areas most notable projects such as Maxey Boys Training School and the local Road Commission offices .

