



UA Instructor Training Program

44th Annual UA Instructor Training Program

In August the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry (UA) returned to Michigan for the 44th Annual UA Instructor Training Program.



A number of changes were evident this eighth year of the UA being in Michigan. Martin J Maddaloni, the new General President, **(pictured left)** took office with a new Executive Board. George Bliss was appointed by General President Maddaloni to take the helm as the new Director of Training for the UA.

One thing that hasn't changed is the efficiency of the UA Instructor Training Program. Under the direction of General President Maddaloni and new UA Director of Training George Bliss, **(pictured below, right)** the UA came to town for its 44th Annual UA Instructor Training Program with the precision of a well-oiled machine and had a tremendously successful year.

This was a record breaking year for the programs both in number and representation. The 44th Programs had the highest number of attendees with 1,427 Student Instructors in attendance. There was a tie for first time attendees with 305 new Instructors beginning the experience of training at the UA Programs. A record number of room nights were utilized at are hotels. There were 292 Local Unions represented. UA members from 46 States were in attendance with all Canadian Provinces represented. On graduation night there were 129 graduating with the proud distinction of UA Certified Instructor. This is a distinction that they will carry back to their home Local Unions to train more efficient and educated journeymen helping to enhance the Plumbing & Mechanical Industry.





Some of the many individuals who help work to make this program such a success

Top L. UA Special Representatives L. to R. - Don Ball, Brian MacDonald, Tommie Sweat, Randy Ward R. Barbara Hall, UA Training Office,



Bottom L. - Wanda Jameson, UA Training Department - R. - L. to R. - UA's Cathy Merkel, WCC's Kathy Jones, Patricia Stegall, and Mitzie McMahon

UA Registration - The Week Begins



During Saturday and Sunday, 1427 students were registered by the UA Staff, along with approximately 200 staff instructors. Classes are reviewed and the students check out their rooms and once again become oriented with the Campus of Washtenaw Community College.

After seven years at the neighborly WCC Campus, and with so many of the students on return visits, getting the feel of the area once again doesn't take too long

In record time they are acclimated with the area and are ready to begin their instruction.



After the UA registers Instructors, the Washtenaw County Joint Training Committee (Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors Association and UA Local 190) distribute book bags along with the Visitor questions they have about lodging, restaurants, etc.

Registration is also a great day to renew old acquaintances with Instructors from different parts of the country. Along with the students, their families and friends get together and visit, catching up on lost time.



Welcome UA !

The Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti Visitor's Bureaus sponsored a "Welcome to Ann Arbor" party on Monday. The gives not only the Bureau's, but our local elected officials the opportunity to say "Thank You to the UA" and let them know how happy we are to have them here.



Suzanne Shaw, Chairman of Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners and UA General President Martin Maddaloni

One of the many Proclamations welcoming the UA

L. to R. - UA Director of Training George Bliss, General President Maddaloni and WCC President Dr. Gunder Myran

Michigan Pipe Trades - L. Ron House, Secretary-Treasurer and R. President Pat Devlin discussing business

Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor Visitors Bureau Staff and Volunteers

L. to R. - UA 190's Scott Klapper and Steve Fountain



L. to R. - Mark Ouimet with UA International Representative Don House

L. to R. - UA International Representative Tony Rohrer, George Bliss and Michigan's UA International Representative Joe Sposito

L. to R. - UA 190's Mary Beth Kantzler, UA's Cathy Merkel in rear

L. to R. - Ypsilanti Mayor Cheryl Farmer, Ann Arbor Mayor Ingrid Sheldon, President Maddaloni and George Bliss (District 5 Vice President Larry Mazzola in background)



Welding

In an effort to provide the very best craftsmen, the UA has extensive Welding Classes during UA week. The safety of the public depends on reliable installations. One of the best ways to insure that is to have qualified welders doing the work.



In construction and maintenance of critical piping systems, the reliance on certified welders is an assurance of continuing compliance with the codes and standards. Through its programs, the United Association strives to expand the quality welding demanded by power, oil and chemical plants to a variety of facilities. Breweries and other food and beverage producers, pharmaceutical educational, medical and correctional facilities; malls and other large commercial developments all depend on quality workmanship.

Tri-Partite Welding Committee

The United Association, the Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA) and the National Certified Pipe Welding Bureau (NCPWB) have formed a Tripartite Committee charged with the development of a uniform Welder Certification for the Mechanical Piping Industry.

UA General President Martin J. Maddaloni, MCAA President Wayne T. Day, and NCPWB Chairman Robert Waddy agreed that a harmonious relationship between the three respective groups would be beneficial to all concerned parties. In an effort to advance that goal, the UA held a special meeting to review, in detail, the workings of the UA Welder Certification Program as it relates to the Tri-Partite Committee. Held on Saturday, during registration, representatives

from all over the country were in attendance to be updated on the program.



Top - L. UA Director of Training George Bliss addresses the Meeting - R. - R. to L. Brian MacDonald, UA Special Representative discussing the program with John Robertson (JRS)
 Middle - L. Dennis Palmer, Hartford Steam Boiler, Middle. R. Bill Spohn, NCPWB, MCAA Technical Chairman
 Bottom - L. An attentive room - Middle - Jack Hansman, Director NCPWB - R. - UA Special Rep. Randy Ward

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UA trains their medical gas piping installers to be experienced craftsmen with proper education and training programs.



